

confined by thick wood on high banks, it opened into a plain, and became shallow; & as night was coming on, I returned to the Hippah— On my arrival, which was just at dark, I found the Launch had returned <sup>also</sup> and I immediately hired another canoe and proceeded down the River, and in about two hours found her at anchor and the officers and crew in their Tents on shore— here, I landed and joined them for the night.

June 20

The next day we proceeded down the river and in the evening, after dark, we again anchored opposite Towretta's Village, where we went on shore and remained till day light when we returned to the Coromandel after ten days absence.

June 21

On and near the banks of the River there are Spars of all dimensions, with a convenient carriage way; but the quality of the timber is not considered good enough for Masts, especially a species of the Cyprus which composes the principal Forests here, and is called, by the natives "Kikatea". It is a light wood, some of it white, and other parts of a red tinge, and it is more fit for planks than for masts. Many of the trees are from eighty to one hundred feet, without a branch, and from two to six feet in diameter, and some much more. — I believe it is Captain Downie's intention to carry home a few of them as specimens, — The timber already

examined