

river, I determined to take a passage in the Launch across the water, and so get on to Wyekotta, as the people from that settlement had been waiting, some time, to conduct me

July 12

thence, - At 4 A. M. (on the morning of the 12th) I arose to prepare for my Journey. - The wind had blown hard, during the night, attended with heavy rain; and the morning was, on the whole, very threatening. The Launch was, however, got ready, and at day light we sailed from the Curmandel with a fair wind, and by 12 noon, we arrived at the place where the Spars grew. - A number of the natives were on the Beach ready to receive us, as they knew of our coming, among them were several from Wyekotta. -

Immediately on our arrival, all hands were busily employed in erecting two Huts; one for the officers in charge of the party, and the other for the men. - Before evening one Hut was completed, and two tents (which had been brought with us, were pitched, in one of which I took up my lodgings for the night. -

The whole day had been unpleasant, attended with Thunder and Rain, which continued during the night, and beat through the tent, which made it very cold and wet - I laid down in my clothes, but, had little rest. -

July 13

The following day we were visited by a Chief from Towrangha attended by his son and daughter. - The old man was much astonished at the sight of Europeans, as he had never seen white people before, I paid him some attention, and made him a small present, which he thankfully received, and in the