

There are a number of natural Springs of water, by the foot of the hills which overlook Tauranga, all sending their tributary streams to the O'emanonee - this river being formed and supplied, by the union of these waters.

The natives informed me, that the Spars in the immense wood, opposite to the plain leading to Tauranga, might be floated down the O'emanonee to the Thames: - but, as I had no opportunity of ascertaining the fact; I can say nothing on the subject. - The timber is good, if it can be conveniently procured (should it ever be wanted.)

The day was far spent, when we reached the plain. We walked on till the sun was nearly set, when we stopt, and prepared for the night

- The servants who had the provisions to carry, were very tired. There were no Huts on the plain, nor any inhabitants: and we were therefore compelled to take up our lodging in the open air. - I was very weary having had no rest the preceding night; and having come a long day's journey, so that I felt, that rest, would be very acceptable even on a heap of fern, or on any thing else.

The peculiar scene, that surrounded me, furnished the mind with new matter for contemplation on the works and ways of God; the mystery of his Providence, and the still greater mystery of his grace; were all unsearchable to me. - I had come from a distant country and was then at the ends of the earth, a solitary individual, resting on an extensive wild, upon which no civilized foot had, ever before, trodden - My companions were poor Savages, who never