

27<sup>th</sup> Early this morning we heard the report of three muskets, and soon after observed a Canoe, full of natives, making towards us. - When they came up, we found the party - to consist of a Chief, from Kiperro, with some of his people, and "Shakkee" a Chief of Moquer, belonging to a settlement on the west side of the Thames - After informing them of our design in coming up this river, "Rowhow", the Chief of Kiperro, said the land on the Wye-teemaka belonged to him. - but, if any of the timber on it, would answer our purpose, he would readily give it; - observing that there was much more, on other branches of the river - Mr. Anderson said he would remain, at the place we occupied, all day, to examine the woods adjoining it; and that he would not go, far, from Wye-ron for three days; as he intended to visit Moquer before he returned to the Coromandel. - I then inquired how far we were from Kiperro, and whether I could walk there in one day, or not. - Rowhow informed me I could walk it in that time, and, if I was willing, he would accompany me - Mr. Ewels (Government Timber purveyor) said he would join us. - Rowhow therefore ordered thirteen men to prepare the Canoe and to attend us - In a few minutes we left the Launch, - proceeded about eight miles further up the river, and landed at a spot, from which, we could see the high-land Hills on the western shores of New Zealand - apparently at the distance of 18 to 20 miles. - We walked, from this spot, very smartly, in order to reach our destination before dark - our road lay through one continued plain - which