

which is free from timber, and has little or no rising ground till it reaches Kiperra. We had to cross one stream of water, about 8 miles from the place we landed last, which, being too deep to ford, exercised the ingenuity of the natives to get all over safely: - The most active swam across, - cut down some spars, and lashed them together; they then made a rope, of native flax, which they fixed to the roots, on both sides, to serve as a hand rail; & by these contrivences we got safe over.

This stream forms a branch of the Kiperra river; and from it, we dispatched a Mepenger to Howhow's friends, to give notice of our approach: - and by sun down, we arrived at the first village, where, a great abundance of sweet Potatoes were provided for our use. - Among other choice food here, a Cat had been roasted, and, as an inducement for us to partake of it, they assured us, it was an English one - this we knew, for we had seen it in a basket during our journey; but we were not, on that account, the more inclined to eat of such a dish. - On our arrival, we found the Chief's brother lying under a shed unable to stand from the wound of a spear, which, I understood, he had received some considerable time before. - Howhow and two others, of our attendants, made great lamentations over him, and wept aloud. - The place where he lay, and some distance round his shed, was tabooed. - His wife and a pretty little girl were set apart to attend him; and no other person was permitted to tread upon the sacred ground; excepting myself & Mr. Ewels.