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We retired early to enjoy sleep, and, tho' the rain beat and the wind roared loud, we remained quietly till morning.

23^o. - At day light we found the wind had increased to a very heavy gale, and the surf broke upon the beach with great violence, threatening immediate destruction to our Canoe. The natives instantly threw off their mats, - rushed into the surf, and dragged the Canoe through the breakers. - They then leapt into it - while, the waves tost it about like a cork, I expected every moment it would have been upset - they, however, pulled off from the breakers, and ran up the river, before wind & tide, until they found a sheltered cove, and fixed her in it.

The storm continued all day so violent, that the natives would not venture out in the river.

The provisions and things were carried to the Canoe to be ready, when the weather moderated.

As there was no prospect of the storm abating, they put up a screen, with stakes, and bullrushes, about seven feet high on the weather side, which shielded us from the rain, they also made a Hammock, formed of the flax plant, and slung it under the screen, which kept me off the ^{wet} ground.

24th. - On the return of day, the weather moderated, and we proceeded up the river at a rapid rate, having a good Canoe and sail, - the wyeroa was here about 4 miles broad, - no natives were to be seen on the left banks, and we observed a few fires only on the right side. Tho' thirty miles distant from the ocean, in parts of this river, we could distinctly hear the waves breaking on the sea shore.

About 2 P. M. we arrived at the Kippah of the Chief "Tetoka" (a noted warrior) who hailed the Canoe, and urged me to go on shore. - We all landed, and I was well received by him - His Kippah was crowded with men, women and children, and in a complete state of defence, according to their mode, but of little use against