

After dinner we prepared to depart. -
 Toorow wished us to stay till the following
 day. I satisfied him that we could not prudently
 do so - He advised me not to go high up the
 river towards Mongakairia, in consequence
 of the heavy rains: as we would find great dif-
 ficulty in getting up the Rapids, by having to
 pull against the whole force of the stream
 without a tide to assist (because it went no higher
 than where we then were) - observing also that three
 canoes had been lately broke to pieces by the
 violence of the current, driving them on rocks
 and besides that danger. I should find great
 difficulty in crossing a large river (which has
 to be crossed several times on my route) at this
 rainy season of the year. - He also believed
 that, let the men of our canoe pull ever
 so well, we would be three days in reu-
 = ching the place at which I intended
 to land. - These unexpected obstacles rather
 stunned me: and I enquired if there was
 any other way by which I might get to Bay
 of Islands. - They informed ^{me} I might cross
 the Country to the east of the Island - tow-
 = ards a settlement called Wangaree, not
 far from Bream head, where I could
 get a canoe to carry me down the
 coast. - That the road to Wangaree
 was tolerably good, and no rivers to
 cross, the distance being little more than
 a days journey - I consulted, with my
 friend Timmoranga, who approved
 going by Wangaree, as he had many
 friends there about. whom he would be
 glad to meet. - We therefore took leave
 of Toorow and his friends - and we
proceeded