

I had met no serious accident in my journeys by land and water, nor did I experience any injury from the cold, the wet, and deprivations of food and rest, which I had undergone; tho' I had often to lie down in wet clothes, in stormy weather, wherever the night overtook me, - whether in an open Canoe on the sea, or in the woods or fields on shore; a kind and gracious Providence attended my steps, in my going out, and in my coming in, and gave me favour in the sight of the heathens among whom I sojourned, until I was brought to my European friends at Rangher-hoo. (4<sup>th</sup>. Sept. 1720)

The Government Schooner "Prince Regent", having come into the Bay of Islands, laden with Spars, for Port Jackson. - I embarked in her, on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Sept., to return to the colony of New South Wales; but, she encountered very bad weather off the North Cape, and being deeply laden, the Captain was obliged to return to the bay in order to lighten her. - I had suffered so much from sea sickness on board this small crowded vessel, that I resolved to leave her, and wait for a passage in the Dromedary; - I found, on inquiry, that the latter vessel would not leave New Zealand for six weeks; and in this interval of time, I thought it advisable, for the good of the cause, to revisit the tribes on the western and eastern Coasts: and, on 30<sup>th</sup>. Oct., set off, for the River Thames, with the intention of going down the east coast first, in company with the Rev. John Butler and Mr. Shepherd. - We touched at Wangoree, where I met some of my former friends.