

Rev. S. Mardens Journal of Proceedings at New Zealand
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The following are a few general remarks of such occurrences as have taken place since our departure from Port Jackson.

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On Thursday Morning the 29th July 1819 we embarked for New Zealand, on board the General Gates an American Brig which I had taken up for the purpose of conveying myself, The Reverend Mr. Butler and family, Messrs. Hall and Kemp and Mrs. Kemp, with Tooi & Peterree, one New Zealand Woman who has resided for a time with her Husband at Parramatta, together with three Mechanics and their families. We met Teranghee Tooi's brother about ten miles from the Heads of Port Jackson, coming to Parramatta to look for his brother, in the Active. The whole on board belonging to the Settlement at New Zealand amounted to Twenty two persons, men, women and Children. We had not been long at Sea, before most of us were very sick. The first two days were favourable, tho' the winds were light; afterwards we met with variable winds, and sometimes very strong against us, with a very high sea, so that our passage, as far as concerned the winds and seas, was very rough and unpleasant, and distressing to all who were subject to Sea Sickness. On Tuesday night the 10th August about 12 O'Clock the Master concluded from his reckoning that we were near the Cape Van Diemen on the southernmost point of the North Cape of New Zealand, and sounded, when he found the water to be 40 Fathoms. He immediately stood off from the Shore, for about 2 Hours, when he again stood in for the Land, and before the break of day we were close in with it. We had now a moderate fine Breeze, and the wind fair, and on the return of day, to our great joy, we had a near view of the North Cape, and soon saw the native fires, on different parts of the Land. We sailed close in shore, all along the North Cape. In a short time we came up with about 40 Canoes, full of People fishing: to some of whom we spoke, and were informed, that they could not have any communication with us, as they were tabooed. They were fishing for none but Sword fish, with short lines, and all the fish they caught of this kind were tabooed, and could not be disposed of, as they were