

to be preserved for their winter food. We saw a number of their stages on shore, which were erected to dry their fish upon. I inquired after the Chief and from the Otahaitian and was informed they were on shore. There appeared to be about 250 or 300 Natives in the Canoes. But as they were tabboed we could not have any particular communication with them. The wind continuing fair, and the weather fine, till after we had passed the Cape, when towards evening it gradually died away, so that we made little progress during Wednesday night. Towards noon on Thursday the breeze freshened, and became pretty fair, so that we came opposite to the Cavallie Islands, before sun set, when several Canoes visited us. In one of which was the Chief O'Keeda whose Son had lived with me 12 Months at Parramatta, and was gone again in the Active. O'Keeda informed us, that they were assembling their men to go to war with the People of Whangharooa, and that Shunghee was to leave the Bay of Islands on Friday Morning, with his War Canoes, and warriors, to join the people on the main, opposite to the Cavallies. O'Keeda requested to remain on board till we arrived at the Bay of Islands, which request was complied with. The cause of the difference between Shunghee and the people of Wangharooa, we were informed by O'Keeda was; A Whale had been driven on the Shore, belonging to Shunghee, and the people of Wangharooa had taken and eat it, which was considered as a public theft, and for which Shunghee was going to punish them. On Thursday Evening about 12 O'clock the General Gates anchored safely off Ranghee Boe in 12 fathoms, when the natives fired immediately, several Muskets to welcome our arrival thro' midnight. Several of the natives, with the Pilot came off immediately, but we could not admit them on board till Morning, and therefore requested them to return on shore and inform the Settlers, with which request they complied. At day break, the Vessel was surrounded with natives. Some of the Settlers came on board and informed us all was well. Our meeting afforded mutual Satisfaction to all interested in the Mission. When we viewed the Shores of New Zealand, and the Crowd of Natives flocking around us, our hearts were