

running about. We made them a few presents of Fish Hooks,  
 and put on to another Village, about a mile distant.  
 In this were a number of very fine Children. They had got  
 a tame Cock, which was very familiar with the Children,  
 sat with them, walked with them, and appeared to live entirely  
 with them, without fear. I promised the Chief a hen  
 when he came to the Settlement. They urged us to give them  
 an Axe, or an Hoe, but we had none with us. Opposite this  
 Village in the middle of the river is a very large Cockle Bed,  
 which is dry at low water. Upon this Bed about 100  
 women were busy collecting Cockles for food. Here we got a  
 Canoe to carry us up to Kiddee Kiddee, where we arrived  
 about 5 o'clock. About 7 The Punt arrived with Mr Butler.  
 We were much gratified to find that the Carpenters had  
 completed our Building 20 ft. by 15 where we could be comfort-  
 ably accommodated for the night. We found the work going  
 on to our satisfaction, and our new Settlement began to  
 put on a civil appearance. Sawpits having been dug,  
 timber lying in different directions, and a new Europ-  
 -ean House built. We read a portion of the Scripture,  
 sang an hymn, returned thanks to God for all his  
 mercies, in the midst of the wondering natives, and  
 then lay down to rest. 25<sup>th</sup> This morning we examined  
 more particularly the ground in the neighbourhood, set  
 the natives to clear and burn off the brush wood & where  
 it is intended the town should stand, and the Gardens to  
 be laid out, we had a small spot of land cleared and  
 broke up, in which I planted about 100 Grape Vines,  
 of different kinds, brought from Port Jackson. New  
 Zealand promises to be very favourable to the Vine, as far  
 as I can judge at present, of the nature of the Soil  
 and Climate. Should the Vine Succeed, it will prove of  
 vast importance in this part of the Globe; as the Grapes  
 blight so much in New South Wales, there is little prospect  
 that New Holland will become a wine Country. 26<sup>th</sup>  
 This day we returned to Ranghee Ho. Was a very stormy  
 passage with heavy rain. We were about 10 Hours in  
 the Boat, and very wet and Cold. During the residence of  
 the late Duaterra with me at Parramatta, he often mentioned  
 a river called Shokee Haugha, which empties itself into the  
 Sea, on the West side of the Island, and described it, a  
 very fine river, the land rich, the Timber good, and the