

Inhabitants numerous, on its banks, and neighbourhood. It was my intention, when at New Zealand in 1815 to have visited this river, but my leave of absence being limited, I had not time to gratify my wish in this respect. On my arrival in August last I learned from Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Kendall and King, that they had visited Thokee Hangha about a fortnight before, and found that Duaterras information was correct. I had conversed with several natives of New Zealand at Parramatta relative to the Harbour, wishing to know, if there was any entrance for a ship. They all were of opinion that no ship could enter, as there was a bar across the harbour mouth, upon which, the surf broke with such violence, so as to prevent a vessel getting in. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Kendall and King, had not the means to ascertain this point, when they were at the river. I therefore resolved to put my original intention into execution, and to visit Thokee Hangha, and to examine the entrance, and the Harbour, to see how far it would be prudent, at a future period, to make a Missionary Station upon its banks. As Mr. William Puckey, whom I had hired in Port Jackson, and brought with me to assist in putting up the necessary buildings at the New Settlement, had commanded a vessel for several years out of England, and was better versed in knowledge of navigation, than any other person at New Zealand, I determined to take him with me, to examine the mouth of the river, and the harbour, in order that he might ascertain, whether or not, the entrance was safe for shipping, and good anchorage in the river, and requested Mr. Kendall to accompany us as he was acquainted with several chiefs, and could speak the Native language.

Accordingly, Tuesday 28 Sep. we took our passage to Kiddee Kiddee with the Red John Butler, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Francis William Hall, and the carpenters and labourers, who were going to the settlement, to forward the Buildings, prepare the ground for sowing such seeds, and planting such fruit trees, as had been brought with us from Port Jackson, where we arrived about 1 O'clock; and immediately proceeded on our Tour, accompanied by three Chiefs, Thunghees Lou, Weeree Pok from Ranghee Koo, and Koda from the river Thokee Hangha, with 6 Natives to carry our Baggage, and more accompanied us, on their own accord. Our whole party of natives, amounting to 17. About 4 Miles from Kiddee Kiddee, we rested, and took some refreshment. Here we met the Daughter of Thunghees brother, and her husband with two Natives laden with Potatoes. They immediately put down their baskets, and