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Free stone in any part of this district - We visited a small white lake, which I have mentioned in a former account, and then returned to our lodgings, with Titoua - The Land at Tiarni is very good, well wooded, and abundant of fine water - Titoua is very anxious for some Europeans to reside in his district; he treated us with every attention while we remained with him - after we had accomplished the object of our tour into the interior we

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returned to the Missionary Settlement - During our absence Capt Skinner had been cutting spars on the banks of the Couva Couva River - This timber was not considered of a good quality, which determined Capt Skinner to visit the River Thames - On the Drumclaw return from Shockee Hanga to the bay of Islands Capt Skinner purposed to take in some spars of the Pikaitea and afterwards to examine the River Thames or some other part of New Zealand for timber, as he was anxious if possible to get House spars, as that wood was deemed of a much superior quality to the Pikaitea.

Shortly after our return I met