

of the severest days journey's I ever remember to have travelled, occasioned by the badness of the road, the heavy wind and rain —

During our absence the Corromandel had  
 June 2<sup>nd</sup> arrived in the Bay — Mr Mart and myself remained at Ranghee Hoos the following day to rest and the next morning returned on board the Dromedary being the third of June where I found some of the Officers belonging to the Corromandel who informed me that Capt. Downie intended in a day or two to proceed to the River Thames.

On Mr Mart's report of the Shars at Wangarua to Capt. Skinner and all matters now being arranged with George and his brother Tippoohee by our visit, Capt. Skinner determined upon taking the Dromedary round to that Harbour and load her with Shars at that place. As I conceived Capt. Skinner would find no difficulty in procuring his Shars at Wangarua from the assurances the Chiefs there had given me, I now wished to accompany the Corromandel to the River Thames, in order to prevent any misunderstanding between the Natives of the Thames, and the Officers and Crew on board the Corromandel.