

Mr. John Marsden's Journal from June 5 /
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June 5 - 1820 - I went on board His Majesty's Ship *Coromandel*, and was politely received by Captain Downie. We had some conversation respecting the Spars he wanted. I gave him what information I was possess of respecting the Timber I had seen in different places which I had visited. He informed me it was his intention to go to the river Thames, and see what Spars he could meet with there, as Captⁿ Skinner had determined to take in his Cargo at the Bay of Islands and Wangaroa; and expressed a wish I would accompany him. I told him I should have no objections after stating the circumstances to Captain Skinner, as it was my intention to have gone with him if the *Dromedary* had proceeded to that river. On my return to the *Dromedary* I mentioned the substance of our Conversation: Captain Skinner approved of my going in the *Coromandel* as the Chiefs at the Bay of Islands and Wangaroa were fully acquainted with Captⁿ Skinner's intention to take his Cargo from them, and a good understanding existing at the time between all parties, my presence was no longer necessary on board the *Dromedary*. The following day I went again on board the *Coromandel* with Captain Skinner when it was settled for me to embark the next morning. I wished to take with me Tooi, Temmaranga and a Chief named A-akhee belonging to the Thames who happened to be at the Bay of Islands at the time. Tooi I knew could be of great service as an interpreter to Captⁿ Downie from his knowledge of the English language and his attachment to the Europeans, and Temmaranga also from the rank he has in New Zealand and from his firm friendship to the English. Temmaranga had lived with me some time at Parramatta, I knew his character well, and that he was a man that every confidence might be placed in. On the 7th in the morning I left the *Dromedary*, and embarked on board the *Coromandel* which was then under sail in the mouth of the Harbour standing out to sea. The morning was