

exceeding pleasant, and all was calm and serene, and the sea as smooth as glass, and continued during the day, so that our progress was very small. For the five following days our passage to the Thames was rough and stormy, and the wind generally strong against us, so that we did not reach the Entrance of the Thames till the Evening of the 12th when we came to Anchor under the Head of Cape Colville. The next morning I accompanied Mr. Anderson Second Master in the Boat along the South side of the Harbour to see if there were any Spars in that quarter. We entered several of the Coves in which a number of inhabitants had lately resided, but we saw none. Their Hippias were all in ruins, had been lately burnt or destroyed in their wars. We observed some remains of the slain. Foori pointed out one beach that he said was covered with dead bodies like a Butchers Shop only a few months before. That one tribe had been wholly cut off within two or three individuals who were fortunate enough to escape. Heard his brother Koro Koro was engaged in this destructive war. The alledged cause was, a near relation of Koro Koros, had been poisoned when on a visit at the Thames. He was the Son of Kipo, who is better known to the Europeans who visit the bay of Islands by the name of old Benny. The young man did not die at the Thames, but was taken ill there; when Foori was sent from the bay of Islands for him, and he died in the Canoe before he reached Home. Kipo offered up afterwards several Human Sacrifices for him, and then commenced war against the suspected Tribe at the Thames. Nothing will ever relieve these people from their public calamities but the knowledge of Divine Revelation. They find themselves bound by the chains of Superstition to revenge the Death of their relatives, whether they are killed in war, or are supposed to have died by poison or incantation. After we had examined the different coves, and found no Timber that would answer, we returned on board thro' a very heavy sea, and reached the Ship about 9 O'clock, the wind blowing very strong. Early the next morning Capⁿ Downie weighed Anchor and stood up the Thames and in the Afternoon Anchored again on or very near the ground, where Captain Cook anchored when he was in the River. The river here is about 10 Miles wide, and very open and exposed to the Sea. The night was very dark and stormy with a very heavy sea, which made the Ship pitch very much. The Captain deemed it necessary to lower the main yards, and to relieve the Ship as much as possible to prevent her from driving.

June
12th
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June 14

June 15

15th This morning the weather moderated, but in consequence