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eligible situation for a Missionary Station for a Missionary station at some future period, should God be gracious to this dreary land where there is no light, and visit this people with his salvation.

June 18 On the following morning Mr. Anderson went to examine the Spars in the Neighbourhood, and I got a canoe with some natives and proceeded up the left River. The Land upon its banks was very rich and here and there adorned with lofty pines. Some small Farms were cultivated with Potatoes upon which the poor Slaves were at work. The Tide runs up a few Miles in this river. When we had proceeded about 10 or 12 Miles in which the River had been close confined with thick woods or lofty banks it opened into a plain, and became shallow, and as night was coming on I returned to the Kippah - On my arrival which was just at Dark I found the Launch was returned - and immediately hired another Canoe, and proceeded down the River, and in about two hours found her at Anchor and the crew and Officers in their tents on shore, where I landed and joined them for the night.

June 19 The next day we proceeded down the River, and in the evening after dark we anchored again opposite Towakha Village, where we went on shore, and remained till daylight

June 20 when we returned to the Corromandel after six days absence. On the banks and near them, there are Spars of all dimensions, and convenient for Carriage, but the quality of the Timber is not considered good enough for masts, especially a species of Cypress, which composes the principal Forests and is called by the Natives Kikatea. It is a light wood, some of it white, and others of a Red Tinge, and more proper for Planks than Masts - many of the trees are from eighty to one hundred feet without a branch and from two to six feet in Diameter, and some much more. I believe it is Captain Downies intention to bring a few of them as specimens. The Timber already examined not being approved of it became necessary to look for it elsewhere - Towakha and the Arckes informed us that there were some fine Timber called by the Natives Kowree on the East side of the salt water River. Mr. Anderson was therefore sent in the Launch to examine

June 21 the Woods in these parts. The following day Captain Downie weighed and followed the Launch in hopes of finding a more commodious and secure Harbour to Anchor in. In this he succeeded to his wishes