

78/ I could not ascertain the depth of the water. The night was cold - We went on shore a little before low water, ^[at aotea Bluff] made a fire on the beach, and there remained till the return of Day. -

22. I found in the morning the Tide to rise about 10 feet with Ten fathoms water near the Shore where we anchored Aug 22
the Canoe. We embarked again a little before high water; and in less than an hour arrived opposite a Village where we slept for a short time. I went on shore, and was informed that Shunghees Tribe were plundering, and murdering the Inhabitants on the banks of the Wyeroa, a River we had to go up after we had entered the Harbour of Kiperro. I regretted much to hear this report on account of the calamities these plundering murdering parties bring upon the Inhabitants, as many of them would be compelled to flee into the woods, where they would be exposed to every hardship that nature could bear from Hunger, Cold, and rain. After stopping about half an hour we proceeded down the River with the Tide; and about two O'clock we arrived at a Settlement belonging to a Chief named ^[Hauyaki] O. Kahka. His Village stands in a cove on the South Side of ^[Te Kanau] the River, about four miles from the mouth of the Harbour. This Village is large and very populous. I went on shore. The Chief was at home. He received me very kindly. I told him I had come to see the River Kiperro and to examine the entrance into the Harbour, in order to see whether any Ships could come in or not. He said there would not be time to examine the mouth of the Harbour that Evening but if I would stay with him till the morning he would go with me. I told him my time was short, and I could not stay till the following Day; and that if I could not see the mouth of the Harbour that Evening I should cross over the River for Wyeroa. He replied he wished me much to stay one night, but if I was determined to go I might proceed down the River towards the Entrance, and take a view of it: he immediately accompanied me into the Canoe, and two more Chiefs, and we pulled down the River. The wind blowing very fresh, and there was a very strong Tide going down - when we had put off about a cables length from Shore I sounded the depths of the water with a line which I had ready in the Canoe, and found 15 Fathoms. The river here or Harbour is very wide. I should imagine from five to seven Miles at least, but I.