

32/ in. Tokoko replied, he knew there was plenty of water for a Ship, and observed there was 20 fathoms. I told him if that was the case, the Inhabitants on the banks of the Rivers would derive great advantages from the Shipping; but this we should know when the Entrance was Examined. He promised he would take care of the Bogs for the purpose I desired. We then took our leave of him, after receiving a quantity of Fish and Potatoes, and making him a small present. There were a great number of very fine Children in this Hippiah, sufficient for a very good School - We left the Hippiah with a very fine breeze and proceeded up the river - which continued till the sun went down - We continued to pull up the River till dark. As the Tide was strong against us we came to Anchor, and lay in the Canoe till the tide returned, when we immediately set off again, and continued to pull up the river till near day light, when we landed on the beach, made a fire, and cooked some provisions.

25th - After we had taken some refreshment, and the day appeared we embarked again, and proceeded on our passage. We past a number of small Farms on the banks of the river, but did not see a single inhabitant till almost two O'clock when we arrived at a small Village. The inhabitants were under great alarm in consequence of the plundering party that was ranging thro' the districts doing much mischief. The Farm and Village belonged to a Chief named ^[Tapsiteroria, Rev. Mr. Butler's Station] ~~Toorow~~ ^[Taranau], who lived higher up the river. Two Canoes put off and accompanied us to the residences of the Chief. His Hippiah stands on a rising bank on the left hand going up the River. When we arrived opposite his river he invited us on Shore, which invitation we accepted. He ordered his Slaves immediately to prepare dinner for us - and presented me with a basket of Potatoes to take in the Canoe for my private use. He had got one of the best Houses I had seen in New Zealand; and had built a portico in the front 16 feet wide, where he and his friends could sit, and enjoy their Conversation sheltered from the weather. His Hippiah was completely fortified, with upright Split Timber from 24 to 30 feet high put close together. The Party already mentioned had done him considerable damage, and had killed five of his people. All the inhabitants on the banks of the River were fled into the woods, and had relinquished their Farms. Their Crops were destroyed, their Store Houses plundered and their Bogs killed: that numbers

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