

55) and has a venerable appearance. He was greatly rejoiced to see Temmaranga, informed him how all his people had been driven from their farms in the interior by the Napios, and their Potatoes and Pork destroyed or carried away. He expressed an earnest desire that some Europeans would come and reside amongst them. I told him I was not sure whether their Harbour was safe for Ships to Anchor in or not. If hereafter the Harbour was found to be safe this would be a strong inducement for Ships at least to visit them, especially the whalers; and that it was very probable that a Vessel would soon be sent from Port Jackson to examine the Harbour. He told me a Brig called the Venus had anchored there. This vessel had been piratically taken by the Convicts of Port Jackson some years back. Weyee Weyee ordered some breakfast to be provided for us. He pressed us to stay with him till the next day, I told him my time would not allow me, for I was fearful of losing my Passage. After Breakfast, he ordered us a larger Canoe. I told Temmaranga I would walk on the Beach to the Mouth of the Harbour, which was about two miles off, and requested him to follow me as soon as the Canoe was ready, and I would wait till he came, which he promised to do. I then took my leave of Weyee Weyee. When I got round the left head of the Mouth of the Harbour, I came to a very large populous Village. Some of the people I had seen at the Bay of Islands. They were greatly rejoiced when I entered the Village: I sat down amongst them and remained two or three Hours expecting the Canoe every moment: but as it did not arrive I returned again to learn the cause; when I found Temmaranga sitting with Weyee Weyee and some more Chiefs in close Conversation. I asked him why he had not followed me according to his promise. Weyee Weyee replied Temmarangas Talk was so good and sweet to him he could not part with him. If I had not returned no Canoe would have come after me that Day. After some persuasion Weyee Weyee was prevailed upon to let us go, and we sailed out of the Harbour about three O'Clock with a fine Breeze in our favour. When we had got about Eight Miles down the Coast, the wind blew very fresh with a high Sea, which obliged us to go on Shore for the night. The Coast here for some miles consists of very high hard perpendicular Rocks, and there are few places where a Canoe can venture near the Shore from the continual surf.

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30th This morning the weather was fine, but the wind against us: we put to sea as soon as it was light. The men pulled very hard. We kept as close to the shore as the

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