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the Canoe and proceeded down the harbour, and at the mouth we met Temmaranga. However as I had got so fine a Canoe I would go on, and if he did not choose to go with me, he could follow me to Wangadoodoo. He said he wished to see Pungahoa, and when he had taken some refreshment, he would follow me, and then proceeded up the Harbour, and we pulled towards the Sea. In less than half an hour the wind and sea rose again, and compelled us to return. When we landed I took a guide with me and set off by Land. We found the Road very bad, as it lays along the Sea Coast. We had continually to strike off into the woods in order to cross the high necks of land which run out into the Sea and then to descend again down to the Beach. Several swamps and runs of water we met with on our road thro' which we had to wade. In the Evening we arrived at a small native Village; when it came on to blow and rain very heavy. The natives received us kindly and accommodated us with an Hut, and plenty of Potatoes. The night was wet and cold. I did not get much rest. Here Temmaranga and our whole party joined us. I understood there was no Chief in this Village. There were a number of poor people who were clearing ground and preparing it for planting with Potatoes.

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3. We rose at the dawn of day this morning, and prepared for our journey - After we had walked about half an hour I observed a war Canoe coming after us which soon made a signal, and pulled towards Shore. I saw it was Pungahoa - when the weather moderated he had sent it after us, to take us up in any part of the Coast, where it might overtake us. I considered this an act of great attention and kindness, as it saved me a severe and laborious journey. As soon as the Canoe reached the Shore, we were all soon comfortably seated in it - and with a fair wind we sailed along towards Wangadoodoo and reached the Harbour about midday. Wangadoodoo appears to me as if it was capable of affording good shelter for Shipping. There are a number of Natives in the Harbour. We called upon the Chief who received us with the Discharge of two muskets. I stopt and eat some Fish for my Dinner. The Harbour is extensive, a pretty large Island is situated in the middle of it, or thereabouts. This Island is a considerable distance up the Harbour, and that part above it is shut in from the Sea. The depth of water I could not ascertain, but from the Account the Natives gave me there is water

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