

94 sufficient, for large Ships near the Island, with a soft Bottom. 1820
The Harbour runs up several miles, a fresh water creek falls into
it, at the Head where there is a small Settlement, at which we
Landed in the Evening and remained during the night. I now
felt myself happy in having got within one short days Journey
of the Bay of Islands, after an absence of three Months, and
particularly in having got clear of the Sea where we had expe-
rienced such a succession of Stormy weather. I was also
thankful that I had not met with any accident in my Journey
either by Land or water; nor had I suffered any material
injury, from cold, and wet, and want of my proper rest,
tho' I had laid down in my cloaths for the last three weeks
in boisterous weather, in whatever situation the night overtook
me. A kind and watchful Providence had attended my
going out and my coming in; and had given me Favour
amongst the Heathens with whom I had sojourned.

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4. This morning I called my companions up as soon
as the day appeared. The night had been extremely Cold,
and more Ice than I had ever seen at New Zealand.
The Grass, Shrubs and Trees were as white as snow, with
the Hoar Frost. Temmaranga was unwilling to move till
the Sun got up. He said he had no Shoes, and it was too
cold for him to walk thro the Grass and brush till the
Frost was off. At length we proceeded on our way, and
in about an Hour came to a small native Village, situa-
ted in a valley so retired, and secret, that I should not have
expected to have met with any human beings in such a situ-
ation. The Children were alarmed when they saw me, and run
crying away. We stopt here and Breakfasted. The people had
got abundance of droyed fish and Potatoes which they
liberally gave us; and as many as the servants could well
carry when we came away. I now walked on and left
the whole party excepting Moodeokow, the Priest, and arrived
in the district of Parroa about Three O'Clock in the After-
noon opposite to where the Whalers were lying. I got into a
Canoe to go on board the Catharine, and fell in with Captain
Graham in his Whall Boat, and went on board with him,
where I once more entered into civil life: and felt it
much sweeter than at any former period of time. The
Food the Conversation, the rest were all sweet. I put a
much greater estimate on the blessings I had always
enjoyed in civil and religious Society, than I had ever
done before; for I was able now from experience to form
a true Judgement of Savage life. I had not been more