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with the finest Fish of various kinds which were hung up
in all directions upon the Shores - some the natives appeared
to be drying for future use - They were all in a state of
alarm on account of the fighting parties who were outranging
the Country in different directions - The principal People here
were very urgent for some Europeans to reside amongst them
I hope in time their wishes will be gratified, and that the
Gospel of God our Saviour will relieve them from their present
~~state~~ of Bondage to Sin & Satan - and lessen their mutual
Scissions and Contentions - After quitting the Harbour of
Wangarei, we found the wind against us, and it was not
till evening we reached Beam Head - we turned round
the South Head, into a small Harbour into which a River
runs from the Interior - The Harbour is well sheltered but
only fit for small vessels drawing more or ten feet water,
as the entrance is narrow and difficult and a bar across
its mouth - This River runs very near the Kattamatta,
which affords any easy communication with Kiperoo.
The natives at the Bay of Islands when they made war
upon the Inhabitants of Kiperoo with their Canoes across
the narrow neck of Land that separates the Kattamatta
from this River - when the Country is better known it is
more than probable that by the means of these two Rivers
an easy communication may be opened between the Western
and Eastern Shores of New Zealand - We had not
time to examine the River into the Interior, as we only