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towards the Thames, which we entered about five o'clock in the evening - the Thames was about 12 miles across where we had to cross it in order to reach the Command - we had a moderate Breeze and fair - The Thames was smoother than I had ever found it before when I crossed it. In general there is a very great swell and very often a very rough sea - we got over the River very well, and arrived on Board the Command about 8 o'clock in the evening - where I found Capt. Downes and his Ships Company. I was happy to learn that there had been no differences between the Europeans and Natives and that Capt. Downes had the prospect of accomplishing the object of his voyage - Capt Downes and his Officers treated us very kindly, we remained with them two nights & one day - where we took

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our departure early in the morning of the 7th as the weather was very favorable for our returning across the Thames - About 8 o'clock we arrived on the west side of the Thames where we went on shore to breakfast - After breakfast we proceeded up the river, but the wind blew so strong against us with an high sea that we were compelled to bear away for the first Island we could reach, and landed upon one of the largest in the River where we took up our Lodging