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about 150 miles from Mayoea when I was at ^{Mayoea} ~~Mayoea~~
before I went to the Top of a very high ^{conical} Hill near
the Settlement From its summit may be seen both
the Western & Eastern Shores of New Zealand. I also
observed several Rivers & large sheets of water - One
River which ran into the western Ocean seemed
to join the Waiatamatta, and the Mayoea River
as I could not observe any land that separated
them - On enquiry I learnt from ~~some~~ ^{the natives}
that one River which I saw run towards the ~~Waiatamatta~~
and the other was called Manukou which fell into
the Sea on the west side - wishing to ascertain
whether the River Manukou did unite with either
the Mayoea River or the Waiatamatta I determined
to proceed immediately ^{to} Manukou to satisfy
myself on this Head - Having hauled up the Boat
and lodged such articles with the Chief as we did
not want till our Return from Kuperoo, we engaged
some of the natives as guides and to carry our
Baggage to Manukou - and proceeded immediately
on our Journey - Our way laid for four or five miles
through ~~land~~ ^{a Wood [site of present Eppom]}
Afterwards we passed thro' very
stony ground, the Stones were very porous and the
whole surface of the Land was broken into irregular
Hills