

their canoes from ^{the} River to another. The other Branch ^x
 runs to the Southward towards Toyetkotta and forms
 a very large sheet of water beyond which the eye
 can reach - This Branch nearly joins the Toyetkotta
 River, and is only separated by a narrow neck of
 land which the natives took their canoes and pass
 from one settlement to another - The Manukou also
 about 10 or 12 miles from the Heads nearly joins the
 Toyetkotta River ^[at Te Wharu.] - Though the communication between
 the Western and Eastern ~~sides~~ Seas is not entirely com-
 -plete yet it is very nearly so, both into the Moyoa
 and Toyetkotta Rivers - In the Manukou there are
 very extensive Shoals Sand Banks but there appear-
 -ed to be a channel of deep water, but which we were un-
 -able to examine in the canoe from the strength of
 the Tide occasioned too a great sea to venture into
 with safety - The entrance into the Harbour is also
 narrow and it is probable a Bar may ^{be} found on
 the outside but tho' we could not ascertain as it
 would not be safe to go out to sea in a small
 canoe where the Swell is so great within the
 Heads we had ten fathoms water - There is abun-
 -dant of fine Timber in the neighbourhood of this
 River should it hereafter be found a safe Harbour