

as the cavern was very deep the whole Hill appeared to be a volcanic ~~eruption~~ Production and the stones around the bottom had a ^{similar} ~~singular~~ appearance - On our arrival on the Banks of the *Wytumatta* Harbour had provided a canoe to take us up the River where we were to land in order to cross the Country to *Mepuroo* - The distance we had to go by water was from 16 to 20 miles. In the afternoon the Tide was against ^{us} by which we were compelled to go on shore for the night -

Nov 12

12th. This morning we embarked in our canoe and proceeded up the River with the Tide - the canoe was very leaky and required two men to bail out the water to keep her from sinking - About 11 o'clock we landed and walked about six miles when we saw down upon the Banks of a fresh water stream where we dined - This Stream is the head of one of the branches of *Mepuroo* after dinner we pursued our Journey and in the evening arrived in a small Wood about 3 miles from the Sea - The Inhabitants of this Wood appeared much astonished at us - They would not have seen any white People before. The Chief had fled to this sequestered spot from the present war - They were related to *Mowhow* On our arrival the Chief said