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by way of Hokianga and requested he would
furnish me with three Servants to carry Mr. Stephens
Baggage and my Own. He replied he was much
afraid to do that, lest we should meet any Party
of the Enemy, for in that case his People would be
cut off, and he had been informed that one Party
was coming along the sea coast, and another down
the Bay. After much conversation, he consented
that three Servants should accompany us with his
Son and Nephew. I was very glad when this arrange-
ment was made, for I was now persuaded I could make
my way good over Land to Wangaroa - He now
furnished us with a couple of Hogs one we intended
to take with us, and the other to remain till Mr. Butler
returned, as he intended to go back again by sea -
We spent this day pleasantly with this venerable
Chief and his Friends, in the evening he said, he
wished us to sleep near him that he might see
us during the night - when the day closed we
performed our usual devotions and retired to Rest
15th. This morning we prepared at an early hour to
proceed down the River - The Chief's Son Poro
took an affectionate leave of his Friends - many
Tears were shed the old Chief wept much he was
afraid his Son would be killed by the Enemy - He