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16th. The weather was fine, and the water smooth
smooth when we set off - but before we reached the
heads it began to blow fresh and the tide running
out we were afraid of being driven out to sea, and
therefore returned - The Entrance appeared to be abt.
two miles wide - and there are three Channels where
we observed no Breakers, and ⁱⁿ which the natives
informed was plenty of deep water - The sand
banks extend a considerable distance out at sea.
We went upon the highest hills in order to examine
more correctly the outside of the Harbour - Mr. Puckey
was of opinion that a ship might come in with safety,
but this can never be fully ascertained till the Entrance
can be properly surveyed - Mr. Puckey observed the
latitude and made the Entrance in 36 and a half.
There are three large Rivers whose waters meet
in this Harbour - The Mapuro which takes its rise
towards the ^{Mapuro} ~~Mapuro~~ ^[Otamatea] ~~Mapuro~~, from
the river near Queen Head - and the ~~Mapuro~~
which runs parallel with the sea coast for a long
way, and then turns into the Interior of the Country.
In the Harbour there are some extensive sand
banks formed I apprehend by the tide and
the Junction of the Rivers - But there can be little