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doubt but there is plenty of water for any ship
in all the Rivers. After entering the mouth of
the Kotamattaa the Natives informed me there
was a fine Harbour on the left Hand which was
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behind a neck of Land, completely shut in from
the sea. But this I had not time to examine.
Three canoes came over this Morning from the
opposite shore, and informed Natives that the
Enemy was on the Wyeroa, which greatly alarmed
them. Iro now informed me he was afraid to
go but he and his People should fall into their
Hands. This Information was very unpleasant to
me as I had determined to go by land if possible.

After much conversation on the subject it was
principally arranged for the Natives to accompany
me and now set to work in order to prepare a new
Canoe for taking us across the Wyeroa and up
the Wyeroa to the place where they are wont to
cross the Land to the sea side. It was determined
that we should all set off the following morning.
The Rev. Mr. Butler for the River Thames with his
Party, and Mr. Shepherd and me by land. We
therefore made every necessary preparation before
we retired to rest.