

had heard, they replied, that it was a most wicked report, that I might be assured that nothing of that kind would happen. I spent much of the day in conversation with the Natives respecting their views their Religion and their country, which was very interesting. Some of the Chiefs had travelled much into the interior, and described many places where the land was level for several days journeys and the Soil good. They described high lands covered with snow and internal Lakes and hot springs situated to the Southward and a great population. All their fine mats and carvings are done at the Southward which as yet remains unknown to the Europeans. [Aug 27  
Friday 22. This

Morning, I went on shore to see the Port of Williams. I found all things going on well, the Natives had been very attentive and had rendered every assistance in their power. The public Store was nearly completed and all the stores were safely lodged in it without the loss of a Nail. Three temporary buildings will soon be completed, the Store & the Houses for the