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### Tangiteroria, New-Zealand

The Wayroa River, on which Tangiteroria is situated, is in south latitude 36° 43', and east longitude 174° 15'. It is the principal of four large rivers which disembogue their waters into the sea at the same outlet; and at the residence of the Wesleyan Missionary is, in ordinary weather, about four days' journey from Auckland. It is navigable for ships of large burden for sixty miles, and for small vessels one hundred miles. The surrounding country is open for a considerable distance from the coast, and the river is wide at the heads. But the upper part of the river, for a long distance, is clothed with luxuriant forests of fine timber, in which the natives are now generally employed, during much of the winter season, in preparing large spars for the British naval service, and smaller ones for the various colonial markets. There are but few European settlers, and the native population is also very small, and much scattered. The entire number of natives on this river does not exceed five hundred.

“Our Mission land was purchased from the native Chief Tirarau, in the year 1836, by the Rev. Messrs. Turner,

Whiteley, and Wallis. It was then very heavily covered with forest to the edge of the river; and the consequent labour of clearing and stumping, in order to the erection of the necessary buildings, and for a garden, meadow, &c., was very considerable. In its present condition, the Station exhibits a very respectable and a very comfortable appearance.

“This was a Station of much discouragement to the Missionary for many years after its establishment. A very small number of the people would consent to receive religious instruction. The Chief Tirarau, though very respectful to the Missionary, was sternly opposed to Christianity; and his influence, thus unfavourably exercised, thwarted the objects of Christian benevolence and zeal. But such is not the case now: for although, from the scattered situation of the natives, the Sabbath-congregation on the Mission Station is a very small one, seldom exceeding thirty persons, yet there are few natives on this river who do not now regularly attend the ordinances of Christianity.”

The Rev. James Buller, the Wesleyan Missionary on the Station, in a letter