

Noon we were by observation in the Latitude of $34^{\circ}21'$, Red Point bearing s 27 w distant 3 Leagues. In this situation we were about 4 or 5 Miles from the land which extended from s $19^{\circ}30'$ West to North 29° East.

SATURDAY 28th. In the PM hoisted out the Pinnace and yawl in order to attempt a landing but the Pinnace took in the water so fast that she was obliged to be hoisted in again to stop her leakes. At this time we saw several people a Shore four of whome were carrying a small boat or Canoe which we imagined they were going to put into the water in order to come off to us but in this we were mistaken. Being now not above two Miles from the Shore M^r Banks D^r Solander Tupia and my self put off in the yawl and pull'd in for the land to a place where we saw four or five of the natives who took to the woods as we approachd the Shore, which disapointed us in the expectation we had of geting a near view of them if not to speak to them; but our disapointment was heighten'd when we found that we no where could effect a landing by reason of the great surff which beat every where upon the shore.¹ We saw hauld up upon the beach 3 or 4 small Canoes which to us appear'd not much unlike the small ones of New Zeland, in the woods were several trees of the Palm kind² and no under wood and this was all we were able to observe from the boat after which we returnd to the Ship about 5 in the evening. At this time it fell calm and we were not above a mile and a half from shore in a 11 fathom water and within some breakers that lay to the southward of us, but luckily a light breeze came off from the land which carried us out of danger and with which we stood to the northward. At day light in the morning we discoverd a Bay which appeard to be tollerably well shelterd from all winds into which I resoloved to go with the Ship and with this view sent the Master in the Pinnace to sound the entrance while we kept turning up with the Ship haveing the wind right out. At Noon the entran[c]e bore NNW distance 1 Mile.

SUNDAY 29th. In the PM winds southerly clear weather with which we stood into the bay and Anchor'd under the South shore about 2 Mile within the entrence in 6 fathoms water, the south point bearing SE and the north point East.³ Saw as we came in on both points of the

¹ The place of this attempted landing has been worked out as near the present Bulli, the beach north of Five Islands and near the entrance to Tom Thumb Lagoon or Lake Illawarra.—*Hist. Rec. N.S.W.*, I, Part I, p. 214, n. 1.

² Probably the great Cabbage Palm, *Livistona australis*, common on that part of the coast, though it flourishes most freely in the valleys and ravines of tropical Australia.

³ This was at Kurnell (native Kundel). The south or south-west head Cook called on the chart Point Solander, the north or north-east one, Cape Banks.

bay Several of the natives and a few hutts, Men, women and children on the south shore abreast of the Ship, to which place I went in the boats in hopes of speaking with them¹ accompanied by M^r Banks D^r Solander and Tupia; as we approached the shore they all made off except two Men who seemd resolved to oppose our landing. As soon as I saw this I orderd the boats to lay upon their oars in order to speake to them but this was to little purpose for neither us nor Tupia could understand one word they said. We then threw them some nails beeds &c^a a shore which they took up and seem'd not ill pleased in so much that I thout that they beckon'd to us to come a shore; but in this we were mistaken, for as soon as we put the boat in they again came to oppose us upon which I fired a musket between the two which had no other effect than to make them retire back where bundles of thier darts lay, and one of them took up a stone and threw at us which caused my fireing a second Musquet load with small shott, and altho some of the shott struck the man yet it had no other effect than to make him lay hold of a Shield or target to defend himself.² Emmidiatly after this we landed³ which we had no sooner done than they throw'd two darts at us, this obliged me to fire a third shott soon after which they both made off, but not in such haste but what we might have taken one, but M^r Banks being of opinion that the darts were poisoned, made me cautious how I advanced into the woods. We found here a few Small hutts made of the bark of trees in one of which were four or five small children with whome we left some strings of beeds &c^a. A quantity of darts lay about the hutts these we took away with us. Three Canoes lay upon the bea[c]h the worst I think I ever saw, they were about 12 or 14 feet long made of one peice of the bark of a tree drawn or tied up at each end and the middle kept open by means of peices of sticks by way of Thwarts.

After searching for fresh water without success except a little in a small hole dug in the sand, we embarqued and went over to the north point of the bay w[h]ere in coming in we saw several people, but when we now landed there were no body to be seen. We found here some fresh water which came trinkling down and stood in pools among the rocks; but as this was troblesome to come at I sent a party of men a shore in the morning to the place where we first landed to dig holes in the sand by which means and a small stream

¹ *in the boats . . . them; A with the Boat.*

² *to make . . . himself, M making him lay hold on a target.* The additional words in the text are interlinear.

³ Both Mrs Cook and Isaac Smith, in his later years as an admiral, were fond of telling their young friends how Cook, on the point of stepping ashore, said 'Isaac, you shall land first', and himself followed. There seems no reason to doubt the tradition they installed.