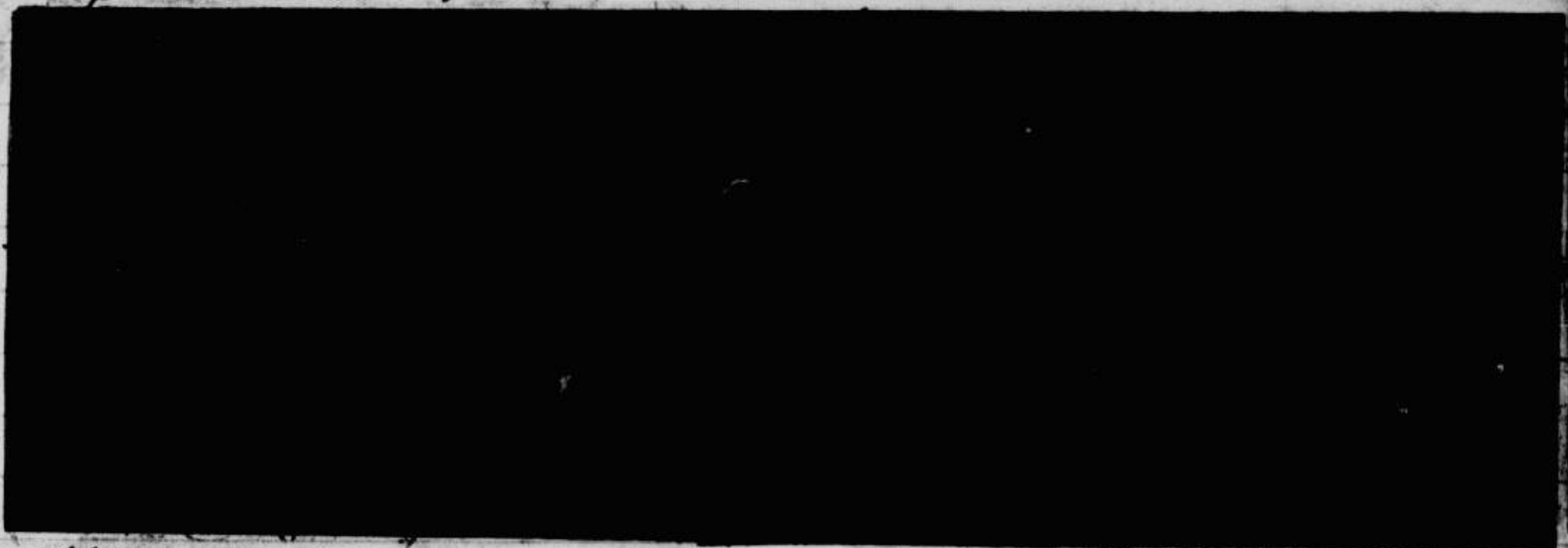


So too much in one day I having come a distance of 25 miles I thought must try and find a place to stop for the night. So I came along, to a farm house and I knocked at the door and kindly asked them if they would please be kind enough to give me something to eat as I told them that I had not had any thing to eat since morning they kindly asked me in and I sat down to the table so I had a most magnificent supper it being New Years Day they had every thing to eat that you could possibly think of. They made stop for the night, and gave me my breakfast in the morning before I came away and a lunch to take with me on the road. Saturday, January 2nd 1869, traveled through Milton Hamden Otterton and Moraki Townships into Palmiston stopping out side of Palmiston having come a distance of 28 miles for the night. in a stable I had no supper but in the morning they gave me my breakfast. Sunday January 3rd 1869, left early in the morning for Omapon arriving there with a wet skin it raining very hard all day having traveled 27 miles during the day stopping in Omapon over night left on Monday January 4th for Timaru a distance of 50 miles having a hard road to travel and a dangerous road also it being the road where so many have been murdered and robbed but I was not afraid of them robbing me for I

had nothing on me for them to rob so I traveled on as far as the Waimati River Hotel stopping there for the night having come a distance of 22 miles during the day I thought I had done exceedingly well on a rough road. Tuesday January 5th 1869. I arose early in the morning ready to start having 28 miles to go to reach Timaru that day, but what detained me the most was that I had a very large river to cross over before that I could go on any farther. A river which runs at the rate of 8 miles an hour with a strong current away out into the expansive Ocean the river is about 1/4 of a mile wide in some places. Crossing it by a punt a representation of which I have drawn below



We therefore reached safe footing on the other side the fare being one shilling but I thanked the man very kindly and told him that I had got no money and therefore I was more greatly obliged for taking me across the river for nothing it being very dangerous.