



on the island drawing wildlife. It is not known whether Spöring attempted to draw the bird but the idea of an enormous brown bird is intriguing. And one has to agree with Dr Beaglehole's comment that it would be of no small interest how many yards long the tail was. The point is made

*Sailors from the Endeavour filling water barrels from a stream near the south head of Tolaga Bay — a drawing by Lieutenant James Cook. Just to the right, but out of the picture, is the island where Hermann Spöring saw his gigantic bird.*

