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was of all others the most irreconcilable and her conduct
has brought within my observation one instance more
than the many I have before heard of, of the dreadful
effects of Heathen Superstition; for on Saturday March 14th
while the people were still mourning and cutting themselves
according to their manner until their persons were
besmeared with blood she sought and found an
opportunity to find a period to her own existence by
hanging herself at a short distance from the body of
her departed husband. None of the natives nor even
of her near relations appeared shocked or surprised
at this incident. The mother it is true wept while
she was composing the limbs of her daughter, for what
mother would not weep, but she nevertheless she
applauded her resolution and the sacrifice she made
for the man she so tenderly loved. Her father observed
her corpse without any apparent concern, I could not
discover a tear when it was brought before him.
And her two brothers smiled on the occasion and
said it was a good thing at New Zealand. It is