

Mr. Kendall publickly if they ²⁴would not steal them.
Mr. Kendall said, they would not, for he had never known
them steal any thing from him. When they were charged
with theft, Towha, Tippahces son, who had resided 12
Months at Parramatta reprobated their conduct, told them,
that they had covered Mr. Kendall with shame, that he
had given them a good character for honesty, but
their theft proved that he was a liar, when he said they
were honest. At length they said they would return
all they had taken excepting one Axe which was the
first stolen, and that the man who had taken it,
should be banished from Ranghee Roo, and not allowed
to return again. The Thief offered to return his Axe,
but the other said, if he was allowed to remain, he
would steal again, and therefore desired him to leave
the place, and take his stolen Axe with him. The
remainder of the stores were safely landed, and the
natives promised to return on Monday what property
they could not recover on Saturday night: and thus
ended the business to our mutual satisfaction. I spoke
to Shunghee upon the heinousness of their Crime in stealing
the Axes. Shunghee said they were not his people, and that
it was very wrong to take so many, and observed with
a smile that if they had taken one Axe, he should not
have thought much of it; which convinced me Shunghee
himself could not have withstood the temptation, had
it laid in his way, Sunday 9th. Early this morning
arrived King George and Racoow Mowhees Cousin with their
Relations, and at the same time Pomarree with part of
his Tribe. I was walking on the beach when they landed,
and told them it was the Sabbath day, and on that account
we could not do any business with them. They said they
could not stop, as they had brought no provisions. We
ordered them what was necessary, and afterwards performed
Divine Service in the Shed, where the four great men in
New Zealand, Shunghee, King George, and Pomarree, with
Racoow the young King attended and many other natives.
All behaved with decorum, and we hope, the day is not
far distant, when they will know the joyful sound
of the Gospel, and have the Lord for their God, in the fullest
sense. In the Evening we had Divine Service, and afterwards the
Holy Sacrament was administered in this distant Land:
The solemnity of which did not fail to excite in our breasts
sensations and feelings corresponding with the peculiar
situation in which we were. ~~AM~~ We had retrospect to
the period when this Holy Ordinance was first instituted
in Jerusalem in the presence of our Lords disciples, and