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was undertaken, as a satisfaction for the injury he had received, or some one of his Tribe, from the Enemy. When the war is over, and the head properly cured, it is sent round to all the Chiefs friends, as a gratification to them, and to shew them, that Justice had been obtained from the offending party. With respect to the dead body of the Chief, this is cut up into small portions and dressed for those who were in the battle, under the immediate direction of The Chief, who retains the Head; And if he wishes to gratify any of his friends, who were not present, small portions are reserved for them, on the receipt of which, they give thanks to their God, for the Victory obtained over the Enemy. If the flesh should be so putrid, from the length of time before it is received, that it cannot be eat, a substitute is eaten in lieu. They not only eat the flesh of the Chief, but are wont to take the Bones, and distribute them amongst their friends, who make whistles of some of them, & fish hooks of others. These they value and preserve with care, as memorials of the death of their Enemies. It is also customary with them, for a man when he kills another in Battle, to taste the blood of the slain: He imagines he shall then be safer from the wrath of the God of him who is fallen, believing that from the moment he tastes the Blood of the Man he has killed, the dead man becomes a part of himself, and places him under the protection of the Atua or God of the departed Spirit. On one occasion W. Kendall informed me that Shinghee eat the left Eye of a great Chief, which he killed in Battle at Shokee Hangha. The New Zealanders believe that the left eye, sometime after death, ascends to the Heavens, and becomes a Star in the Firmament. Shinghee eat the Chiefs left Eye from present revenge, and the idea of increasing his own future Glory and brightness after death, when his left eye should become a Star. [From all that I have been able to learn, relative to the New Zealanders eating human flesh, this custom appears to have its origin in religious superstition. I could hear of no instance of any man ever killed, merely to gratify the appetite; nor of any killed for the purpose of selling their Heads to the Europeans, or other nations. The Heads which are cured and sold, are the slain in war, and not intended to be returned to their friends. At the same time I am of opinion,