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an Island with no Associates except English Men, by which he had
obtained sufficient of the English Language to hold a Conversation among
Sailors. — And I have heard from several Captns in Mr Campbell's Com-
-pany that the New Zealanders that they had with them were just
such Characters as I found those who were with me.

It is now little more than 3 Months since I arrived from
New Zealand when I had been to explore the Country for the Flax Plant
and as we were so fortunate as to meet with the Object of our
Pursuit at the first of our landing we had not much Intercourse
with the Natives, but those we met with at a Village near
Macquarie Harbour on the South Extremity of the middle Island
were extremely friendly for as soon as we arrived at the Village they
commenced cooking Potatoes and Fish for us and when we left
them the Women loaded themselves with Potatoes and carried them
at least 6 or 7 Miles over a very rugged Country to the Boat.

Having asked my Opinion whether a friendly Intercourse
could not be established between Port Jackson and New Zealand
I have no Repititation of giving it as my Opinion from the Know-
-ledge I have of them among civilized Beings and also in their
native State that a most beneficial Communication might
be established and that it would require no Art whatever to civi-
-lize them, for if they were treated with Humanity; and in
Dealing