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Court House, Parauatta

Com. Nov. 11/14

Wednesday Nov. 10th 1813

The Deposition of John Besant, relative to the
loss of the Boyd.

Being duly sworn, Deposes, that he arrived in
the King George (a ship belonging to Port
Jackson) at the Bay of Islands in March
1812; that in consequence of the Master
treating some of the Newzealanders ill, he,
the Deponent was apprehensive the ship
would be cut off, and the crew murdered;
and judging it safer to go on shore, and live
with the natives, he left the ship, and
remained on the Island twelve months.
During his residence among the natives, he
received the following amount of the loss
of the Boyd, from one of the chief's sons,
who spoke the English language very
well, having been on board the Star,
Captain Wilkinson, two voyages. The Star
sailed from London for the South Seas.

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When the Star sailed from Port Jackson
for England, Captain Wilkinson got
Captain Thompson, Master of the Boyd
to take the Chief and his companions
on board the Boyd, under a promise of
landing them at New Zealand, as he was
bound there for Spars.

That the Chief informed the Deponents
that Captain Wilkinson, previous to his
sailing for England, had paid him his lay
of oil and tallow that had been procured
with which he purchased Cloathing, &c,
and that he also received presents from
Gentlemen and others at Port Jackson, —
and a Musket from Captain Wilkinson.
He also informed the Deponents that Captain
Thompson had tied him up in the Rigging,
and flogged him, and kept'd all his things
After the Boyd had arrived in the Ports
of New Zealand, the Young Chief was flogged
in the Harbour, and sent ashore immediately.
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The natives had procured a considerable part of the cargo of Spars before the Chief was flogged, which Spars this Dehonent saw when he was at Newzealand, with the Rack of the Boyd, after Captain Thompson had flogged the Chief and taken his things, the natives would render no further assistance in procuring the Spars, nor go near the ship, that Captain Thompson, landed the ship's company to get the Spars themselves, leaving only two men on board besides the Papengers, on his landing, Teippoohee, a principal Chief of Wanygoohoo, went up to Captain Thompson, told him that he had flogged his son, and that he would kill him, and immediately knock'd him on the head with an Axe, and the Rest of the crew were immediately murdered, he further informed this Dehonent, that Teippoohee, the then Chief of the Bay of Islands, and his people, were not

Concerned.

Concerned in the destruction of the Boy

"Signed" ^{his} John + Beards
Mark

I was before me
the day and year
above written

Signed
Saml Marsden

S P

True copy

Jus Bee