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Court House, Parauatta

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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 chiefs' 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.