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Abraham Hendrike Mariner now of the Brig
Daphne lying at Sydney Cove Port Jackson maketh Oath
and Saith that in the Month of September in the Year one
thousand Eight hundred and twelve he shipped on board
the Brig Stephen Michael Fodger Master sailed from Port
Jackson in the Month of September aforesaid, touched at
New Zealand from thence made the Palmerstone Islands
where the said Michael Fodger had theretofore in the
Year one thousand Eight hundred and eleven left six
Europeans four of whom were Englishmen and two
Portugese, one of these men swam off to the Brig Daphne
and when she was about seven Miles off Shore he informed
Captain Fodger that John Bearback the Principal of the
Gang and one Michael Guff, were killed, another was
speared thro the back and the man that swam off ran into
the Woods (and there remained until the Daphne made
the Island, having been on the Island thirteen Months
Captain Fodger would not remain in order to get off the
Remainder of the Gang altho his crew requested him to do
so, and offered to Wave their Wages and live upon half
allowance while he should remain off the Island - The
Man who swam off informed Captain Fodger that it was
the Portugese murdered Bearback and man, from thence
the Brig Daphne proceeded to Ulisea one of the Society Islands
and there procured a supply of Pork from thence made
the Island of Bolabola and procured some more Pork
and were informed that the Uleteans intended to attack
Captain Fodger in the Brig Trial the Voyage before - here
Captain Fodger shipped two Europeans who were left on
the Island by some other vessel from Bolabola touched at
the Island of Emeo where the man who swam off at
the Palmerstone Islands was left with Mr Henry the
Missionary to give information relative to the Men
murdered at the Islands, from Emeo, made the Islands
of Otchitta there shipped six natives as Divers from thence
made the Island of Anna one of the Society Islands