

except such as the most able People schools might be instituted and supported without much difficulty and the minds of many brought over to the obedience of Gods dear children.

The natives of Van Diemens Land have been very ill treated indeed and banished entirely from those parts which are colonized by Englishmen. Great numbers of them have been shot like beasts of prey and the Bush Rangers who have made their escape from the settlements have for fear of being discovered by means of any communication which the natives might have with the settlers killed them without mercy. Hence the natives retaliate as they find opportunity. There are no natives at the settlements except some children which have been stolen away from their Parents at Sydney and Parramatta the natives can and do visit without fear or molestation but at Van Diemens Land they cannot profit by their intercourse with Englishmen.

The Native sailed from Hobart May the 23<sup>rd</sup> and arrived at the Bay of Islands on Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. ~~of~~ had a very good passage and have been treated with much attention by the natives. Mr Hall & I have been fifteen Miles up the Country to see Quatters farm. He has some Wheat growing & some more land ready on which he will plant Wheat & Potatoes. Quatters is often on board and the aged Chief Tarrak & his wife