

4⁴⁰ The Place where they settle upon, I shall purchase from
one of the Chiefs; and also a Piece of Land for the Purpose
of feeding Stock or Cultivation. Messrs. Hall & King have
acquired much useful Knowledge in New South Wales
which will now be of very essential Service to them.
They will be able to apply themselves to Cultivation, or any
other work that their Situation may require them to
perform. I consider the time well spent that they have
been here; tho' I have had the most ardent wish for
the establishment of the mission; - on my Return from
New Zealand I shall then be better able to speak upon these
Points - It will also be a grand Object with me to promote
Agriculture amongst the Chiefs as much as possible.
When their necessary wants are supplied, they will
be more disposed to lay aside their warlike Habits, and to
attend to the simple Arts of Civilization. Tuatara is
fully confident if he can only obtain Iron, in three or
four years, the whole Island will be supplied with
Bread - He says, it is not long ago since the first
Potatoes were brought to the Island, and now they are
cultivated in every Part, and have proved the greatest
Blessing to the natives - one Pege was only put on
Shore by Mr. Turnbull, Master of a whaler, and