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now they have a great number, - and take great care  
of them. I supplied him at different times with wheat,  
but it was either lost in the Vessels, or never landed and  
given to him. when he first got Home, I supplied him  
with seed. He immediately explained the value of the  
wheat to the different Chiefs, and gave them all a part,  
with whom he was acquainted - reserving some for himself.  
The Chiefs put the wheat into the ground, and had many  
consultations about it, but when it was near ripe, they  
thought Quaterna had imposed upon them; and had told them  
some fine stories, as a Traveller. They examined the roots  
but not finding the grain as they expected, growing like  
the Potatoe; they set fire to all their crops, and burnt  
the whole. Quaterna was very much distressed at this  
circumstance, as he could not prevail upon them to give  
credit to what he said. He reaped his own wheat, and thrashed  
it, and shewed it to the Chiefs, but still they would not believe  
that it would make Bread. At this time the Jefferson  
whaler arrived in the Bay of Islands commanded by  
a Mr. Harris, and to whom I had given a letter to  
Quaterna recommending the Master to his kind attention.  
Quaterna now borrowed a Pepper mill from Mr. Harris  
to shew his Country men by grinding the wheat, it