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On the Sunday after our arrival at the Bay of Islands Mr Hall
read upon deck the Prayers of the Church. The rain prevented the
natives from coming to the vessel at the time of Divine Service
except two or three who had slept on board. In the afternoon
the weather was fine and I and Mr Hall paid a second visit
to our friends at the Nipwah. They wished to trade with us but
we told them it was a sacred Day. Six Days men were allowed
to work and every seventh Day was appointed as a Day of
rest from labour, and to Mankia Otia; for this was the only term
which we could then make use of in order to convey to their
ideas our worshipping the Supreme Being. We said they might
come to the ship with their property on the day following. We required
them with our intention of bringing our wives and children from
that fashion and residing amongst them, and to some children
I gave an invitation to go with us and learn the Book of
the name of Mankia Otia, for it must not be omitted that the
name of Mankia Otia is well known at the Bay of Islands.
The natives make mention of him in their songs and speak
of him with respect. The children and their Parents seemed
pleas'd with the invitation but at that time we did
not fix upon any.

Jan 13th. Mr Hall and I took a walk into the
interior with Deuterus to see his farm. We pass'd by the
Nipwah Teepookay and some of the natives meeting us
took hold of our hands in a friendly manner and
requested us to eat with them. After some little conversation
we proceeded on our way over some swamps and exceedingly