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On Sunday Morning June 19<sup>th</sup> I read upon Deck the Prayers of the Church. The weather was fine and several canoes with natives, in them were by the side of the vessel. Two or three chiefs were also with us, and the behaviour of the natives during Divine Service was very decent & commendable. It was a new thing with them to see our way of worship and to hear of a day of rest from labor, and they seemed to enjoy the idea very much. The Union Jack was hoisted on board the Active and Terra displayed his colours at Korreratubba in honor of the Day. Soon after Divine Service was over the natives departed from the vessel, and in the afternoon I visited the Kapinga on place of Whetloke in company with Mr. Hall. The natives were friendly indeed and to us the interview with the men women and children was very gratifying. I distributed on this day several Religious Tracts among the natives in order to give them some Idea of Books and to have notice the eagerness and delight with which they all received them would have caused a tear, and excited a pious desire in a true believer in behalf of a people whom Satan has so long held in captivity. This people never had within their reach the means of instruction. Such as they are, in human wretchedness and misery, no sooner have they heard proclaiming the amazing love of God through a Crucified Saviour which could be a means of consoling their hearts or cheering their ears! Oh what great privileges to they possess who are brought up in a Christian land! and what excuse can men thus highly favored make should they sin them all away and neglect the day of their visitation?