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I met with a person at Teppoonah who informed me that many
of our sailors when they come into the harbour for necessaries
make it their practice to cheat and deprive the natives
exceedingly. That when the natives have parted with such
commodities as they previously offer for sale they often
receive little or nothing in return; and that this conduct
and way of dealing is very painful to their feelings. He
declared that if Englishmen would trade fairly the natives
were disposed to pay every attention to them and to supply
them with any thing they might want most cheerfully.
Indeed I do think this would be the case with many of the
natives. They have a particular desire to be acquainted with
us. They say we introduce among them potatoes, cabbages,
turnips, &c. and tools of different descriptions which they are
continually in want of. There is also another consideration
which will operate most powerfully upon the people of New
Zealand, and it will have a tendency to create in them
much respect for Englishmen. They are particularly fond of
Brand. When once there is a sufficient quantity of Whisky
brought so as to enable the natives generally to know its
value they will esteem us highly and New Zealand may
perhaps at some future day afford rich supplies of
this article to our ships which traverse the Southern Pacific Ocean.

A prudent caution is no doubt indispensably necessary
in providing for the security of vessels which touch at New
Zealand after there has been so many depredations committed that
they are too numerous to admit of a recital. And if
also in enlightened and civilized nations the most salutary
Laws and regulations with the power to put them into execution