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are often insufficient for the protection both of persons and property, and
 it cannot be expected that there are men so selfish in the
 unenlightened world that for the sake of gain they will not
 scruple to rob and plunder. That a nation without religion is
 also deplorably corrupt it would be in vain to attempt to
 deny, yet with respect to a general knowledge of right and
 wrong it cannot be doubted but as a people is acquainted
 with so they act upon different principles. Dantona says, 'some
 of his countrymen are very good, will work for their living and
 wish for improvement, while others are very bad, will take
 a ship, or steal any thing. He is very desirous to have it in
 his power to adopt some salutary measures by which he may
 be enabled to keep in subjection warily and mischievous
 men, and to establish laws and regulations for the good order
 and well being of his People. He still is anxious to make a
 Sunday at New Zealand. The observations of my friend appear
 to be very correct. And Englishmen who touch at New Zealand
 would do well to consider the natives that altho' they
 are careful to keep the means of their preservation in their own
 hands they are really their friends and that they will not
 cheat nor defraud them. This done they would undoubtedly
 find many natives ready to supply them with the productions
 of the Island and render them other friendly services. In my
 opinion the true Character of the New Zealanders is
 not so despicable as Europeans are apt to imagine, and it
 has by some writers been very unfairly portrayed.

(a) I mean Captains having charge of vessels