

In giving a fair account of a Savage Nation some allowance ought to be made for ancient Customs and usages which have been handed down from one generation to another for many ages. Because these are practices amongst the New Zealanders which are in their nation inherent to the tender feelings of humanity they have been condemned as the most degrading and degraded of the human race. That the condition of those fallen was and Daughters of our first Offending Parents, is very low" it is too true. But I trust I can with strict adherence to truth notice at least to my Christian friends many favorable appearances which may induce them to attempt their improvement, and it affords me great pleasure that it is my province to do so. I have been told that there are usages of a barbarous Nation amongst the People of New Zealand which are not approved by them all and those followed by some to which others are averse and which they hold in detestation, and I really have discovered in them all that I could expect in a Nation which has been for ages lost in the utter Darkness. I trust the time is now arrived when they are upon the point of emerging from that horrid state of barbarity for which they have been renowned. From even the slightest and most cursory observation of their manners and acquirements I am induced to indulge ideas of this nature. Altho many of them disfigure their faces and their ornament is the most unaccountable in appearance of any I have ever before seen yet neither the men nor the women go naked. The men are also intelligent and many of them industrious and full of ingenuity; for