

Pouakhe, Depero and Henghe learned the English Alphabet in five or six days. The latter has also written several pieces of letters some of which I send to you. The New Zealanders appear to have many deities, to which however, I cannot learn they pay any particular adoration. I think Utua is their name for the Supreme Being but I am not certain.

Quatern says the marriage contract is made at New Zealand in the following manner. When a young man forms an attachment for a young woman and he is desirous to have her for his wife, he first consults her parents and brothers and sisters whose consent he must obtain. If these are agreeable and the young woman does not cry, she immediately becomes his wife. But if she cries the first night he pays her a visit or upon repeating his visits a second or third time she continues to do so he must drop his suit. Simple fornication is not considered a crime but if a woman is unfaithful to her husband he spears her. Adultery is punished with death.

On Monday August 22nd the doctor came to an anchor at Port Jackson, I found my family well in health. My three eldest children during my absence attended school daily.

The natives have been well employed since their arrival at