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may render the force of the spear more effectually,
I recommend you to put the thick end into water,
and you will see an instantaneous effect produced,
the Canoe will be rendered stiffer and more like a
board, which appears to be the peculiar quality of
the New Zealand Flax, I have sent a small quantity
of the Flax dressed, but whether it will be an article
valuable for Commerce, I am not competent to judge.
perhaps some of the members of the Society or their
friends may ascertain this point. upon the specimen
of the Flax, I have sent together with the weaving
apparel, I should be glad to receive information upon
the subject, as the flax in New Zealand, is an annual
plant and grows without cultivation, more or less in
every part I have visited, and would afford constant
employment to the women, and children, should it be
found of any value to Civil Society, there is also in
the case a Stone To'kei or Adze, such as are used by
the Chiefs in making their canoes, for the want of
edge tools. No 9 named Ha'ha' is nearly an ornament