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curiosity; before Duaterra returned and the other chiefs with the
Boat, a large War canoe came off to the Vessel, she was very
full of fine stout Men, and sailed very fast, tho' the sea was
rather rough, and we were some distance from the Land, yet
it was pleasing to behold with what ease she topt the rising
waves, one of the principal chiefs was in this War canoe
with a number of his attendants; and along with him a
young Man an Otahetian, (known by the name of Jim
by Europeans) whom I had known some years back as he
had formerly resided a considerable time at Parramatta with
Mr. M^r. Arthur; this Otahetian had married the chief's
Daughter, and his Wife was in the canoe, he was much surprised
to see me, I was no less so to meet him so very unexpectedly
here; he had been in the habit of visiting my house when at
Parramatta, and was well acquainted with my situation in
New South Wales. As he could speak English exceeding well
I fully explained to him the object of my Voyage to New Zealand
and what were my future plans, he was much pleased at
the Idea of Europeans residing in the Island; this young Man
being very intelligent and active appeared to have gained the
full confidence of his Father in law, and to have great weight
and influence at the North Cape, I made him, his Father
in law, and the other principal Men a few presents which
were gratefully received, after some conversation I mentioned to
them, that the New Zealanders had been guilty of great
cruelties to the Europeans and particularly in the case of the
Boyd. They replied the Europeans were the first aggressors by
inflicting corporal punishment on the chiefs. I also told them
that Mr. Barnes Master of the Jefferson whaler when at
Port Jackson had informed me that they had acted treacherously
towards him in attempting to cut off 2 Boats belonging to the
Jefferson when she was last at the North Cape in company
with the King George, I told them I was much concerned to hear
these reports - and that if they continued to act in this
manner no European Vessels would visit there; In reply to
this the Otahetian and chiefs stated, that the Masters of
the Jefferson and King George had in the first instance returned