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him, he had gone to enquire after his relations who lived upon this Island, after some time we found Koro-Koro who had met with one of his own men; By this time the natives began to recover from their alarm and to come out of their hiding places; while we were talking with Koro-Koro and some of the Natives, his aunt was seen coming towards us, with some women and children. She had a green bough twisted round her head, and another in her hand, and a young child on her back. When she came within a hundred yards she began to make a very mournful lamentation, and hang down her head as if oppressed with the heaviest grief, she advanced to Koro-Koro with a slow pace. Koro-Koro appeared much agitated and stood in deep silence like a statue leaning upon the top of his musket. As his aunt advanced she prayed very loud and wept exceedingly; Tooi, Koro-Koro's brother seemed much affected and as if he was ashamed of his aunts conduct he told us he would ^{not} cry, I will act like an Englishman, I will not cry! Koro-Koro remained motionless till his aunt came up to him - when they laid their heads together, the woman leaning on a staff and Koro-Koro on his gun, and in this situation they wept aloud for a long time and repeated short sentences alternately which we understood were prayers, and continued weeping the tears rolling down their sable countenances in torrents. - It was impossible to see them without being deeply affected, at this time also the daughter of Koro-Koro's aunt sat at her mothers feet weeping, and all the women joined their lamentations, we thought this an extraordinary custom amongst them of manifesting their joy, but we afterwards found that this custom was general in the Island of New Zealand. Many of these poor women cut themselves in their faces arms and breasts with sharp shells or flints till the blood streamed down; when their tears and lamentations had subsided, I presented the women with a few precursors; Tooi had set all this time labouring to suppress his feelings as he had declared he wd. not cry; in a short time we were joined by several fine young men amongst them was a youth the son of a chief of the Island, when Tooi saw him he could contain his feelings no