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from the time the Boyd was cut off to that period. During their stay at port Jackson they were always apprehensive that the chiefs of Whangaroa would take advantage of their absence and make an attack upon the people at the Bay of Islands, however we here learned that there had been no disturbance while they had been gone. After the Boyd had been cut off, Tippahel a chief belonging to the Bay of Islands, and who had visited Port Jackson, and while there received great attention, was accused of being concerned in that dreadful massacre, and in consequence of which the Whalers who were at that time upon the coast and came into the Bay of Islands shortly after united together and sent seven armed boats before day to attack the Island of Tippahel on which they landed and shot every man woman and child that came in their way, in which attack Tippahel received 7 shots and soon afterwards died. Duaterra and Shunghee always declared that Tippahel was innocent of the crime for which he suffered. Whangaroa is situated about 40 miles nearer the North Cape than the Bay of Islands. Tippahel was in the habit of trading with the people of Whangaroa and happened to go with a cargo of fish the very day the Boyd was taken. The whole of the crew were massacred when he arrived excepting 5 men who were in the rigging; these he took into his own canoe and landed them with a view of saving their lives, but being followed by the people who had cut off the Boyd, these 5 were forcibly taken from him and instantly put to death. - This is the account given by those New Zealanders who first visited New South Wales. They originally declared that Tippahel was innocent of the destruction of the Boyd. - The people at the Bay of Islands in consequence of the death of their chief Tippahel declared War against the people of Whangaroa and several desperate battles had been fought and the War was likely to continue, I had often told Duaterra & Shunghee that it wd. be to the interest of all parties to make peace and that I wished to see it established before I quitted New Zealand. Duaterra expressed his doubts as to the accomplishment of this object. I told him I thought if I could obtain an interview with the chiefs I might bring it about, and that it was my determination