

had no hand in this melancholy event, It was wholly their own act and deed. This being strictly true, and I see no reason to disbelieve their declaration, that Tippahce and his people were innocent sufferers, and their deaths laid the foundation for much bloodshed; many since that period have been cut off both belonging to the Bay of Islands and in Whangorooa, I never passed Tippahces Island without a sigh. It is now desolate, without an inhabitant, and has been so ever since his death. The ruins of his little cottage which was built by the kindness of the late Governor King still remains; I would hope that those Europeans who were concerned in that fatal transaction were ignorant at the time that they were punishing the innocent, I think it probable the mistake if there was one, which I am inclined to believe, originated in the affinity between the names of Tippahce and the chief of Whangorooa who was principally concerned in the destruction of the Boys, and whose name is Tippoohee, this chief I saw and conversed with on the subject. Having fully satisfied myself relative to the loss of the Boys, and explained to these people the reason of the Actives coming to New Zealand, I found as night was coming on I could not accomplish the grand object I had in view viz to make peace without spending more time with them, and therefore I resolved to remain all night in their camp; Shunghee had given directions to his people to prepare supper for us nearly a mile from where we then were, I told the chiefs we would go to visit Shunghees people and when we had taken some refreshment I said Mr. Nicholas would return and spend the night in their camp, in order that we might have a little more conversation with them, to this they readily consented and with a view to shew some marked attention they entertained us with a sham fight, War-dance and song of victory before we went to Shunghees people. After these ceremonies were over we took leave and returned to the place where we had landed attended by a very large number of natives, Shunghees servants had got our potatoes and Fish prepared. Quaterra and the party who had come with us from the Active, now returned on board leaving myself, Mr. Nicholas and Shunghee to spend the night on shore; we sat down upon the ground to supper, but were soon almost smothered with the natives who crowded so close around us