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that I was compelled to draw a circle ~~with~~ around directed the  
Natives not to pass it, we were here much amused with these  
people and they appeared equally so with us, and manifested every  
wish to serve us; after spending about an hour with them we  
returned to the camp of the Whangorooa people who had removed  
about half a mile further from the place where we had had  
our first interview with them, and had taken their station in a level  
piece of ground which I estimated to contain about one hundred  
acres. When we arrived they received us very cordially, we sat down  
amongst them, and the chiefs surrounded us, I now renewed our  
conversation relative to the destruction of the Boyd with a view  
of bringing about a reconciliation between them and the inhabitants  
of the Bay of Islands as I considered it of great importance to the  
Mission to establish peace between these contending parties. The  
Chief told me the state the Boyd was then in and promised  
to give me the guns and whatever remained belonging to her  
if I wo<sup>d</sup> go into their Harbour; they had got some of the guns  
on shore and would get the rest; the chief George told me that  
his Father and 5 others were blown up in the Boyd when she took  
Fire. His Father had got part of the powder upon Deck and  
some of the muskets, and was trying one of the Pints in a  
musket whether it wo<sup>d</sup> strike Fire or no, when a spark caught  
the powder and set the Boyd on Fire and killed all that were  
near; He pressed me much to go into their Harbour, told him  
I probably should before I left New Zealand, if the Wind wo<sup>d</sup> permit,  
but I co<sup>d</sup> not go at that time on account of the stock and number  
of people I had on board the Active, I then spoke to him on the  
subject of peace, pointed out to him how much more it wo<sup>d</sup>  
be for their interest and happiness to turn their attention to ag-  
riculture and the improvement of their country than continue  
to fight and murder one another, and particularly now as the  
Europeans were going to settle amongst them, through whom  
they could obtain Wheat to sow their lands with, and Tools  
for agriculture, I assured them, that every assistance wo<sup>d</sup> be  
given to them by the Europeans to promote the improvement