

of their present station and that if they wd. only attend to the cultivation of their Lands and lay aside all Wars and Murders they would soon become a great and happy People; George replied they did not want to fight any more. and was ready to make peace. Much conversation passed principally respecting New Zealand and Port Jackson which George had visited. I endeavored to impress upon his Mind the comforts we enjoyed compared to them both in our mode of living, Houses &c which he well knew; that all such comforts they might equally enjoy in a short time by cultivating their Lands, and improving themselves in useful knowledge which they wd. now have an opportunity to acquire from the European Settlers. He seemed sensible of all these advantages and expressed a wish to follow my advice, we were surrounded by the other Chiefs and their people during our conversation. As the evening advanced the people began to retire to rest in different groups. About 11 o'clock Mr. Nicholas and myself wrapped ourselves up in our great coats and prepared for rest also, George directed me to lie by his side, his Wife and Child lay upon the right hand and Mr. Nicholas close by, The night was clear, the Stars shone bright, and the sea in our front was smooth, around us were numerous spears stuck upright in the ground and groups of Natives laying in all directions like a flock of sheep upon the grass as there were neither tents nor Huts to cover them. I viewed our present situation with new sensations and feelings that I cannot express. Surrounded by cannibals who had massacred and devoured our countrymen I wondered much at the mysteries of providence and how these things could be! Never did I behold the blessed advantages of civilization in a more grateful light as now; I did not sleep much during the night, my Mind was too seriously occupied by the present scene and the new and strange ideas it naturally excited. About 3 o'clock in the morning rose, walked about the camp, surveying the different groups of Natives, some of them put out their Heads from under the top of their Kakapanous which are like a Bee Hive and spoke to me. When the