

during the action commanded one party and Koro Koro the other. Duaterra passed the remaining part of the day in preparing the Sabbath. He enclosed about half an acre of land with a fence, erected a pulpit and reading Desk in the centre and covered the whole ^{with} black native cloth or some duck which he had brought with him from Port Jackson. He also procured some bottoms of old canoes and fixed them up as seats on each side the pulpit for the Europeans to sit upon intending the next day to have divine service performed there. These preparations he made of his own accord and in the evening informed me every thing was ready for divine service. I was much pleased with this singular mark of his attention. The reading Desk was about 3 feet from the ground and the pulpit about 5 feet: the black cloth covered the top of the pulpit and hung over the sides. the bottom of the pulpit as well as the reading desk was part of a canoe. the whole was becoming and had a solemn appearance. He had also erected a Flag Staff on the highest Hill in the Village which had a very commanding view. On Sunday morning when I was upon Deck I saw the English Flag flying which was a pleasing sight in New Zealand. I considered it the signal and the dawn of civilization, liberty and Religion in that dark and benighted land. I never viewed the British colors with more gratification and flattered myself they w^od never be removed till the natives of that Island enjoyed all the happiness of British subjects. About 10 o'clock we prepared to go ashore for the first time to publish the glad tidings of the gospel. I was under no apprehensions for the safety of the Vessel, and therefore ordered all on board to go on shore to attend divine service except the Master and one Man. When we landed we found Koro Koro (Duaterra) and Shunghee dressed in Regimentals (which Governor & Mr. Quarrle had given them) with their Men drawn up ready to march into the enclosure to attend divine service. They had their swords by their sides & a switch