

no labour of man without how can clear and subse
 uncultivated land to any extent. The New Zealanders seem to do
 as much in this respect as the strength and wisdom of man
 is equal in their situation. Shunghee shewed me some exceeding
 fine wheat. The seed I had sent over about 7 months before. It was
 nearly ripe. The ear was very full and large. He put a very high
 value upon it, as he appeared to know its worth from his few
 months residence at Parramatta. I had also sent over a little English
 Flax seed. This had been sown and come to great perfection
 far superior to any I had observed in New South Wales. He treated
 us in his visit to his Village with all the attention and hospitality
 his means afforded. He had slain 2 Hogs and we had what
 we wanted of them dressed after our own mode. Early on Wednesday
 the Eleventh we took our leave of this extraordinary Fortification
 and the people who resided in it intending to breakfast at the
 Village belong to Tarrua about 5 miles distant. Shunghee
 directed his servants to take along with them 2 fine Hogs
 for the use of the Vessel. We arrived at Tarrua's Village a little
 after 7 o'clock where we were kindly received. The fires were
 soon lighted and preparations made for breakfast. Several
 Natives joined us here we had not seen before. Tarrua was
 not yet returned. After I and Mr. Nicholas had taken breakfast
 had Tea made for the Wives of Tarrua and Shunghee who surrounded
 us. They all refused to take any. Shunghee told me they were
 all Tabooed and were prohibited to take any thing but water.
 I pressed Shunghee to allow one of his Wives who had a little
 child about one month old (and had followed us from the
 Village) to take a little. He replied she could not drink any
 for if she did his child would die. I was fully convinced that their
 refusing to take the Tea was founded upon some superstitious
 notions; They were all very fond of Bread and Sugar. I distributed
 what remained amongst them, and Shunghee with all the other
 chiefs drank the Tea. In about 2 hours we proceeded towards the
 Cove where we had left the War canoe on Monday morning.