

we much wanted. As the Active was full of people this information determined me to visit the Village in the morning. Early next morning a chief named Pithe Nephew to Nampa came off to the Active, he was a very stout handsome man and quite in the prime of life, both manners mild, & countenance both pleasing and interesting. I invited him on board. The chief Timaranglee was well known to Pithe. After the usual salutations relative to our voyage and all affairs connected with it as far as Timaranglee knew, I gave him some biscuit which they are all fond of; shewed him some wheat in the straw which had been grown at New Zealand by Shinghee, and enquired him, that the Biscuit was made from wheat, and gave him a little for seed. He shewed much anxiety to learn the culture of wheat, enquired how many hours it was from sowing to reaping, and expressed his determination to try if he could not grow some at his settlement. I made him a present of a few articles and accompanied by Mr. Nicholas went on shore taking 12 New Zealanders with us. When we landed the natives received us with every mark of Friendship. The Women and children were numerous, but not so with the young men. We enquired the reason and they told us they were gone to War and that few excepting old men and those who had been taken prisoners remained in the Village. At this place we found the New Zealanders to sell their Prisoners of War or to keep them to work as Slaves. Several of the natives of the Bay of Islands had brought with them a little trade, some a few nails, others small pieces of iron hoops, some a few feathers, and some had a few Fishing Hooks and a variety of articles of no value to Europeans, but of much value to themselves. The Village was all in motion, they crowded together like a fair from every quarter. Some of the inhabitants brought Mats to sell and various other articles so that the whole day exhibited a busy scene, and many things bought and sold in their way. When the fair was over