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are the horrid crimes that Europeans who bear the Christian name commit upon the Savage Nations! We lay to all night in Bream Cove, as I wished to see the Chief who resides near here, and whose son supplied us with fish as we past when bound for the River Thames; We now began to fish and in a short time got great abundance of Bream & other sorts. I expected to have seen the Chief, but the Vessel had not been observed, the next morning at day light we sailed and shortly after passing Bream Head, we were seen from the shore, when a canoe put off to the active. As soon as it came along side, I observed the Chief was in it, whom I wished to see, he told us that he had not seen the Vessel the night before as he and his Men were busy at work in their Potato grounds which had prevented them. Mayhanger a young Man who is mentioned in Mr. Savages account of New Zealand, and who accompanied that Gentleman to England on his return from New South Wales to Europe, was also along with this Chief. Mayhanger enquired after many persons he had seen in England, and who had been kind to him, the Chief wished us much to return for one day, told me he had abundance of Hoops and Potatoes, and would supply all our wants: I told him I could not detain the Vessel if the Wind was fair, but must proceed, I gave him a little Wheat for seed, some nails, and a bat, with which they returned on shore highly pleased, regretting only that I could not stop one day for him to make me some return. Shortly after they were gone the Wind changed and continued against us all day. At 6 P.M. we were about 2 leagues from shore, the sea being smooth and likely for a fine night, I determined to visit the Chief and had the Boat immediately hoisted out. Mr. Pichler accompanied me, we had none but New Zealanders in the Boat. The Sun was set before we reached the shore. The natives soon beheld the Boat, and one of them stood upon a Rock waving a signal pointing out where we were to land. There is a bar running across the mouth of this Harbour, upon which the sea beats with great violence. As we approached, it appeared impossible to