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cessation, and said he was ashamed of such conduct. Theft & adultery are crimes they punish with Death. On passing up the River Cawa-Cawa I observed on the summit of a very high Hill a Roman broop, and enquired of the natives what it was for, they replied to hang thieves upon whom they first killed and then hang up their Bodies till time destroyed them. During our stay at Cawa-Cawa I had many interesting conversations with the Chiefs relative to the nature of crimes and punishments and pointed out to them, that there was no comparison between a man who w<sup>o</sup>d. steal a potatoe and another who committed murder, and yet their punishment was the same. They'll as soon kill a man for stealing potatoes, as for murder. A Chief has the power of life and Death over his people, they appeared much astonished when I told them, that King George had not the power to put any man to death, tho' a much greater King than any in New Zealand, I explained to them the nature of a British jury, told them, that no man could be put to death in England unless twelve Gentlemen had examined into the case of a prisoner who was accused of any crime, and if these twelve Gentlemen declared him not guilty, King George had no power to put him to Death, but if on the contrary they pronounced him guilty, even then King George had the authority to pardon him if it was his Royal wish. They replied these laws were very good, and one of them asked what Governor we should send them, replied we had no intention of sending them any but wished them to govern themselves, I mentioned some crimes which we punished with Death, and others with banishment, and that punishments should be regulated at all times by the nature of the offence; I told them if a man had 2 Wives in England, tho' he was a Gentleman yet he w<sup>o</sup>d. be banished his Country, One of the Chiefs said he was of opinion, that it was better to have only one Wife, for where there were many the Women always quarrelled. Others said, that their Wives made the best Overseers and, that they could not get their