

ate some rice and took some tea and seemed a little revived. It was his intention to have laid out a New Town with regular streets to be built after the European mode, in which, ground was to be set apart for a church. I had gone to examine it before. The situation was delightful, on a rising Hill in front of the Harbours Mouth distant about 8 miles, commanding all the Harbour. He again mentioned his intention to me and hoped he should be better so as to have the Town marked out before I sailed. I told him I should be ready to attend him and hoped to see him recover and recommended him to take what nourishment he could. From this they gave me permission to see him at all times. I called the following day and found he spoke much better and entertained hopes of his recovery. The day after I called he appeared worse nevertheless supplied with all the necessaries he co^d wish from Mess^{rs} Kendall Hall and King who willingly offered to do all they co^d for him. Whatever Supplies were taken with refreshments for Duaterra, we were obliged to leave them; they said if they were removed Duaterra wo^d die; He was himself also of this opinion. So strongly rooted is superstition in the human mind when once admitted. I had met with every thing in New Zealand to my full satisfaction, and nothing to give me pain but the present affliction of Duaterra, which was to me very distressing as upon the wisdom, zeal, industry, and influence of this servicable Man I calculated upon many advantages to New Zealand. My hopes were now likely to be blighted as I could entertain little expectation of his restoration. I know infinite wisdom cannot err. What the Great Head of the Church ordains to be done will in the end be best, but as David moaned for Abner I shall long mourn for Duaterra sho^d he be carried off by Death; for as a great Man fell in Israel when Abner did, so will a great Man fall in New Zealand sho^d Duaterra not survive his present affliction. So far as natural causes can be