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apprehend it to contain more than 200 Acres. One side bounded
by the Harbour. The grant was made out and executed on
Friday the 24th of Feb^r in the presence of a number of chiefs
from different districts who were assembled at Ranghee Noo,
to take their leave of the active, and publicly set apart
for the Europeans. Took this opportunity of expressing to the
chiefs that as the land was now belonging to the Europeans,
they were all at full liberty to come from any part of
New Zealand for things they might want to purchase, or
have manufactured without interruption. I further told
them, the Smith should make them axes or Hoes or any
other tools they might stand in need of, but, that he was
on no account to repair Pistols, or Muskets, or make any
Warlike Instruments, not even for the greatest chief upon
the Island. Ahoodea Ahumua one of the chiefs of whom
I had purchased the land publicly declared, that the land
was no longer their's, but the sole property of the white
people, and was tabooed for their use. The signature
of the grant or Deed contains all the cures and lines
which are tattooed on the chiefs face and their singular
& curious drawings or figures. - Three days previous to this
interval Mr King was delivered of a fine Boy who was
brought out and publicly baptized at the same time the
Deed was executed upon this newly purchased land. All
these circumstances at such a juncture were very interesting
to us and will be long remembered by the natives. The
price paid for the land was twelve axes. Ahoodea A.
Gummer was a very sensible man and extremely partial
to the Europeans, he is the chief man in Ranghee Noo,
where the settlers reside. It is the largest and most pop-
ulous town we met with containing upwards of 200 Natives.
Mr Ahumua Wife of the chief is also a pleasant woman
and had greatly improved in her appearance & cleanliness.