

to return and tell the chief the sea was so high and I was not accustomed to their canoes, and on that account was afraid to venture, and that if he had any to send the vessel sh<sup>d</sup>. wait till I heard from him again, at the same time I sent him ~~in~~ as a present of some edge tools which I had reserved purposely for him. In about 3 hours Jim returned with a quantity of potatoes and about 300 weight of Flax, and a Boy whom the chief wished me to take to Port Jackson, and that Jim also would go with me and return when the active came back to New Zealand. I was unwilling to disappoint the wishes of this chief which placed such confidence in me in sending his son, that I gave my consent for them both to remain in the vessel, and we immediately made sail and bore away with a fine breeze for Port Jackson. Jim told me the chief's eldest son whom I had seen on shore was very desirous to come, but his mother w<sup>o</sup>d not consent at the present time. I had now 12 Native passengers on board besides the natives belonging to the active. It was with the most heartfelt satisfaction I left New Zealand, not having met with the smallest accident, provocation, or insult. I had fully accomplished the object of my voyage and satisfied myself relative to the real character and disposition of these Natives; I was fully persuaded, that there was no real obstruction to their civilization, nor the introduction of Christianity amongst them, and that nothing more was requisite than common prudence on the part of those who might be engaged in this humane and benevolent undertaking. Nothing material happened on our passage till the 20<sup>th</sup> of March when we had a very heavy storm of Thunder and lightning from the South West blowing on a very hard Gale, and compelled us to lay to for almost 7 Days and nights. At this

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