

We were supplied with some family comforts from Captain Parson's ship. He also left a large sheep goat and a sow for the settlement. My young friend Toi signified his intention to accompany the captain to England. His brother Kurukurro consented, but wished him to take his wife with him. When I reminded him of the distressful nature of her situation in the event of the death of her husband at a great distance from home, he replied, 'it would be a good thing in that case for her to hang herself, according to the custom of the New Zealand women'.

Tuesday June 13. Arrived the Brig Trial, Captain Flood, and the Schooner Beothic, Captain Burnett from Port Jackson. Some natives returned from Port Jackson in the above vessels. Captain Flood also brought me letters from Mr Pratt, Mr Menden and some other friends at Port Jackson. The natives and Captain Flood as I am informed about two tons of Flour. They also supplied the vessels with Pork and Potatoes.

Friday June 10 Died after a short illness Tara Rakoo the uncle of the late Quatera. Mr Kendall and I took a walk on the Sunday afternoon following to the place where the mourners were assembled. The corpse was decorated with feathers, and the face had been as usual. The people were lamenting and cutting themselves according to their manner until the blood gushed out. Such scenes are truly distressing. What sadness it is in thus paying their regard for a poor dead