

The bones of a chief are taken up from or five different
 times and finally polished & brightened with oil and
 put into a basket. They ~~are~~ ^{are} preserved ~~as~~ as sacred
 reliques of their deceased ~~relatives~~. Children are
 brought to cry over the bones of their ancestors in
 order to perpetuate their memory. The manner
 in which the People of New Zealand take care of
 their Dead is particularly disgusting. Three of the
 above mentioned ^{persons} had only been buried in a mouth.
 The skull is exposed while the people are crying they
 call it Atua.

I am sorry to observe that a few weeks after
 your departure a quarrel arose between the Chief
 Hurukuro who accompanied us from Port Jackson
 and O'Keda another Chief whose Territory is near
 Mangaroa which was attended with serious consequences.
 The people of Hurukuro had while they were
 one day passing by the District of O'Keda taken
 some potatoes from a Farm on whom the natives