

Owing to their filthy habits and living so much upon  
 Fern root the New Zealanders are very subject to  
 cutaneous diseases, as Boils &c. They are also frequently  
 affected with violent head aches, bad eyes &c. I  
 wish I understood medicine better as I think I  
 could render many of them great assistance. As it  
 is, I have many patients to whom I administer  
 such ~~various~~ and precious medicines as they seem  
 to be in want of. They are highly pleased whenever  
 they find relief. They are very blamable in  
 allowing their young women to visit our ships.  
 Many of them contract diseases from our seamen,  
 and I am sorry to say that in some cases  
 the unhappy creatures have perished for want  
 of knowing a remedy. From seamen they  
 have also learnt to curse and swear. It will be a  
 long time before we can cure them of the language  
 they have acquired from our countrymen.