

Consent for his own gratification & the Ship's Company.

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thly - For stripping a native of the Bay of Islands, named Mookiki, of his clothes, who had been employed as a sailor on board the King George, and taking from him a Musket which had been given to him by the owners of the Vessel, Messrs Jarvis and Joseph Underwood, and afterwards Cop's casting him and turning him ashore naked at the Bay of Islands.

To the foregoing Charges Mr. Jones refused to plead or enter into any defence upon the matter for the following Reasons, that he had a short time since exhibited Charges of a mutinous nature against six seamen belonging to the ship King George, upon which they were imprisoned but in a few days afterwards were discharged under Consideration that there was no Court constituted in this Colony to try them, & consequently that as there was no Court which could afford him redress in the case alluded to, neither can there be any competent to investigate the present charges, and that therefore, though conscious of his own innocence, he declined entering into any defence of the matter, especially as the witnesses intended to be produced on the occasion are the very persons against whom he preferred the charges before alluded to; - persons wrought up with wrath and prejudice against him, & consequently unfit to be examined.

The Magistrate having taken the foregoing objections into consideration are unanimously of opinion that five of the persons summoned having recently stood charged by Mr. Jones with acts of mutiny on the late Voyage in the King George, are unfit to be examined as witnesses; but are further of opinion that James Townsend (a sixth person summoned)