

99 Destroyed his Confidence in the Europeans, and alarmed his
Fears and Jealousy for the Safety of his Country, for which
he had the most unbounded Love. On our Sailing from Port
Jackson, I perceived him to be much dejected and cast
Down; and a constant melancholy upon his Countenance.
I often inquired what was the Cause of his Grief, but
he cautiously concealed the matter from me, and
always evaded giving me a satisfactory Answer—
I repeatedly pressed him to tell me; and a little before
we arrived at New Zealand, he informed me that he
was told at Port Jackson, that it was our Intention to
take his Country from him; and that the New
Zealanders would be very angry with him, if he
should be the Author of their Country being taken
and given to the English. I pressed him much to
inform me who had told him these things but no
Arguments I could use, would induce him to tell me; I concluded he
was bound by some solemn Promise not to reveal the Author
of this intended mischief. I frequently endeavoured to remove his
Fears but to no purpose. The Poison infused into his mind
was too subtle, and infectious ever to be removed— Mr
Rendall mentions Warrawakee also as having the same