

of Duaterras' attention when I arrived in the Active  
 at the Bay of Islands, and also to Mr. Kendal's Letter  
 transmitted by this conveyance of what took place before  
 and at the closing Scene of Duaterras' life and after. His  
 Death has been a subject of much pain and regret to me,  
 and appears a very dark and mysterious dispensation. For the  
 last 10 Years of Duaterras' life he had suffered every danger,  
 privation and hardship that human nature can bear. On  
 my arrival with him at New Zealand with the Settlers,  
 he appeared now to have accomplished the grand object  
 of all his Toils, an object which was the constant subject  
 of his conversation, namely, the means of civilizing his  
 countrymen. He told me with much triumph and joy  
 "I have now introduced the cultivation of Wheat into New  
 Zealand; New Zealand will become a great country  
 in two years more, I shall be able to export Wheat to  
 Port Jackson to exchange for Hoes, Axes, Spades, Tea  
 Sugar &c." Under this impression he made arrangements  
 with his people for a very extensive cultivation and formed  
 his plan for Building a New Town with regular Streets  
 after the European Mode on a beautiful situation which  
 commanded a view of the Mouth of the Harbour and  
 adjacent Country, I accompanied him to the spot. We  
 examined the ground fixed upon for the Town, and the  
 situation where the Church was to stand &c. The Streets  
 were to have been all marked out before the Active  
 sailed for Port Jackson, at the very time when these  
 arrangements were to have been executed, he was stretched  
 upon his dying Bed. I could not but view him as he lay  
 languishing beneath his affliction with Wonder and Astonish-  
 ment and could scarcely bring myself to believe that the  
 divine goodness would remove from the Earth a man whose  
 life appeared of such infinite importance to his country  
 which was just emerging for barbarism and gross darkness  
 and superstition. No doubt he had done his work.