

And it is more than probable, would have been cut off  
 there for the Crimes they had committed, had not the  
 Active been lying in the Harbour: and the Settlers there,  
 The Settlers express no Alarm for the personal Safety  
 tho' they lament much the evils that these Crimes  
 occasion. The natives at the Bay of Islands were much  
 offended with the Europeans who had murdered so  
 many of their Countrymen. But it is in vain for me  
 to attempt to bring any of these men to Justice. Nothing  
 can be done unless the British Parliament will take  
 into Consideration the unprotected State of both the  
 Missionaries and natives in all the Islands in these Seas.  
 The Europeans may at present, and do commit every  
 Crime with Impunity; and there is no Law either  
 to restrain or punish them. The natives have no means  
 but to repel Force, by Force. The Europeans have at the  
 same time greatly the Advantage over them on Account  
 x of their Guns. Mr. W. Therefore did mention in a letter  
 I had the Honor to receive from him, that there was some  
 Hope, that Government would have an armed Vessel  
 in these Seas for the Protection of the natives and  
 the Missionaries who are employed amongst them  
 one master returned last week, from the Islands, and has  
 lost his vessel, and not brought back one single  
 European who sailed with him. when I asked the  
 owner what were become of the Ships Company  
 he said, he could not tell, but that two Boats and  
 their Crews had been cut off, he supposed at  
 New Zealand, but could not get any clear