

Account from the master - I think it is very probable that there are now living somewhere amongst the natives. There must be numbers of Europeans in these Islands should any inquiry ever take place about them. The only effectual Remedy for these evils, would be for Government to have a vessel in these Seas in order to prevent the Commission of Crimes. I shall refer you for further Information to Mr. Nicholas, who will be able to throw some light upon this subject. I should feel no Hesitation in visiting any part of New Zealand. The natives will not allow themselves to be robbed and shot, and insulted, and their wives taken from them without retaliation. They are men of great minds, and will not submit to be ill-treated, with Impunity. I am anxious to learn from the Settlers the particulars of the late Quarrels between the Natives and the Vessel that is more than two miles from where they live, yet I have no Doubt, but the natives will visit the Settlers and state their Complaints to them should they understand for what Purpose they are living at the Bay of Islands. It is much to be lamented, that no legal notice is taken here of any Crimes however great committed in these Seas - This calls loudly for the Interference of the Legislature in order that Justice may be administered in some way or other. I will transmit you the Particulars as soon as I can, as I am not without my fears that these wicked men will very much injure the Settlement at the Bay of Islands by their Acts of Fraud and Violence. It also appears to me strange that a master of a vessel should sail from Port Jackson, and return with the loss of the