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Another reason was, the people about them were numerous
and anxious to be instructed. Mr. Kendall here might have as many
children to teach as he could attend to; which he could not have
where they wished to settle. After many warm debates upon
this subject, and my telling them that they must take all
the consequences upon themselves, and that I should protest against
their conduct to the Society, they consented to remain where I had
placed them. After I left N. Zealand Mr. Hall went to live
at Whytangahee, and took a pair of the surgeons with him.
Shortly after they got there, a party of strange natives came
upon them in the night, and took away almost all they
had. I think the value of the whole property is about £100.
which has been stolen by the natives at different times.
Mr. Kendall tells me he has not lost to the amount of £1.
They have applied to me to make up their losses, but I have
not done it yet. They ought to have taken advice, and
not to have exposed their persons and property to unnecessary
danger - Messrs Kendall & King are now satisfied where
they are. Mr. Hall will take no persons opinion, but his
own. No person is safe, in N. Zealand in retired situations
either from our own people, or the natives; and it is not to be
supposed that the N. Zealanders will not feel the same natural
propensities to theft, and other crimes that are common to men
in civil, as well as in savage life. The above circumstance may
make them a little more cautious. I told them so sure as ever
they went to Whytangahee, so sure they would be robbed, if
not murdered. If the Society wish their losses to be made up
to them I will do it, either in whole or in part. It is probable they
may state as a complaint, my desiring to do this till I
hear from you - Had Mr. Hall gone there, to Whytangahee, without
the danger being pointed out to him, I should have felt
no hesitation to pay for any loss that he or the surgeons