

August 21. I went up the River about 5 miles to
sow some wheat for my friend Shourakhe
Mr King was in company.

August 28 I went up the River about 12 miles
to sow some wheat for Whidow, Tahou & Rewa.

August 31. Returned to the Bay the Brig Trial
Captain Noble and the Schooner Brothers Captain
Barnett. Captain Noble states that on Monday
the 20th Instant an attempt was made by
the Natives near Mercury Bay to take both
his vessels. He has favored me with the perusal
of a letter to Messrs Lard and Blaxell of Sydney
his owners of which the following is a copy.

Gentlemen.

The following letter is the particulars of
of what transpired on board the Brig Trial under
my command on the afternoon of the 20th
August 1815 at Trials Harbour New Zealand
Lat 36° 40' S. Longitude 175° 49' East.

At 12: 20 PM light breeze and fine clear pleasant
weather. I particularly remarked a number of
canoes along side both vessels but from the friendly
terms we were on with the natives and the two
chiefs who had constant access to both vessels
I thought I had no reason to be under any
apprehensions of the safety of them both, but
allowed their people to remain outside along