

acted with that coolness as is natural and generally  
observed in Englishmen.

I have therefore to observe Gentlemen that  
I hope you will make them some allowance  
for the loss of their clothes &c when the brig returns  
to Port Jackson again I remain  
Gentlemen

W. W. Hoovele

Killed  
Matthew Jackson  
Killed a native  
Jno O'neal  
Mrs. Hoovele  
Jas Marden -

Mem

I have nothing further to observe on the above  
fortunate business than <sup>to express</sup> my real regret  
that Capt<sup>n</sup> Hoovele should ever have been sent  
to New Zealand. He did not behave well  
to the natives on his first arrival here. He  
defrauded them of about sixty baskets of flour  
and Potatoes, and what often leads to quarrels  
he filled his vessels with native women. I  
am told this vessel was full the evening before  
the affair near Mercury Bay.

Captain Hoovele has disturbed the peace of  
our Settlements. We are not so much afraid  
of natives as the rash and indiscreet behaviour  
of our countrymen.