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I first saw the New Zealanders, drop'd as they were in their native
carnent, their appearance was by no means any recommendation
to me. Their wild, forlorn looks and demeanour were distressing to
my feelings. I conceived they must indeed be sunk to the lowest
pitch of human degradation, and greatly doubted the possibility
that a person or family would be permitted to live among them
for any reasonable time in safety. After a few days intercourse
with them I was led altho' contrary to my wish and expectation
to spend an hour with them one night. The very kind manner
in which they treated me, and conveyed me back to the active,
added to the many gracious promises contained in the
word of God in my favor encouraged me to repose in them
still greater confidence, and to return with my family. I
desire to bless God for the many merciful interpositions of
His Providence in my favor, especially for that which conducted
me from my native village to London, and eventually here.
In London, with respect to the enjoyment of gospel privileges:
I was as it were in a perplexion state. On my first attendance
on a place of public worship ^{and frequently afterwards} there, I was amongst other things
so struck with the beauty and solemnity of the service, that
I felt something of what the Ethiopian Eunuch might probably
feel on his return from Jerusalem after witnessing the Holy
and transitory services of the Temple. Here, altho' I may