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Too much pains cannot possibly be taken to remove every disagreeable idea of this nature from the thoughts of the New Zealanders by those who are about to sojourn amongst them. They cannot endure the thought that they shall lose the property which has descended to them from their forefathers, and be driven into the bush, as they say, is the case of the Natives of New South Wales.

The territorial possessions of the New Zealanders, as far as I can learn are hereditary, descending, as above alluded to, from the father or mother to the eldest son or daughter. When a chief has more wives than one the lawful heir or heiress issues from his head wife. The whole of the natives have a fixed place of abode. The districts, fisheries, woods, villages, houses &c have each their distinct proprietors. The burying places belonging to a village or family are also kept distinct. It is very remarkable but a proof of the above facts that altho' we have now resided here nearly three years, yet no natives from different parts of the island, or even the bay itself (I mean Strangways) have come to settle near us, and the bodies of some Natives who have died a natural death whilst on a visit at the sojourning village have been conveyed by their friends to their own family Cave at a convenient time. I do not