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It may be noticed that the New Zealanders have no established Law for the punishment of Adultery, murder, theft &c: and therefore such of them as are inclined to commit these offences do not avoid accomplishing their purpose through any fear, except of the parties against whom they wish to act. When a man breaks an established custom, for instance, when he cohabits with a <sup>(a)</sup>widow, the whole of the people around him, especially if the woman's husband was a chief, will rise in behalf of the departed Atua and inflict punishment; but the case of a man committing theft &c will not attract the attention of the general body. The party aggrieved will take advantage of his unwatchfulness at some time or another, and retaliate: but it is not known that Murder, adultery, theft or lying are offensive to the Supreme Being. They are not offensive to the general mass of the people only as they affect their interests. The Bible and that alone can teach them a better System of Morality.

Care should be taken to expose as little property as possible to the sight of the natives at the time of disembarkation or at any time. If this is not attended to, it will be soon known amongst them what articles the New Settlers possess and all European property being precious