

in their Eyes, one and another of them will not fail to be very tedious and importunate in soliciting favours until a man is almost wearied into compliance. Many of them are tempted to steal such articles as are loose and exposed to their view whilst they are very quiet with respect to concealed property. It would be prudent for settlers to furnish themselves with plenty of boxes, casks &c for the above purpose and to bring as many weather boards, posts &c at least as would build a stave house with them.

The Natives approve of Europeans settling amongst them through motives of self interest. How can we expect it can be otherwise at present? I believe self interest has been the chief cause as far as they have been concerned of their kind behaviour towards us here. We have endeavoured to do all we could for their benefit. They knew this, and were thankful. Many of them by repeated acts of a conciliating nature appear now to be very sincere in their attachment, and they are therefore displeas'd when they see us insulted or disgraced by our neighbours in any way. but they are heathen still. We must not try them beyond their strength; and it becomes us, as it will