

for weeks in the Timber District near the Shore,  
with 20 few men on board; and where there was  
such a number of natives, who fear no danger  
will believe the Account to be true, which is published  
in the Gazette. That Account was published in my  
Opinion with no other view, than to injure the  
Cause of the mission. There has not a single  
Act of Violence been done to any European  
 Sailor or Vessel from the north Cape, to the  
River Thames, since the Settlers arrived at  
the Island. I merely write these few lines by  
J. Brunely in order that you may not  
give any Credit to Reports against the  
Natives of New Zealand, crossing thro' such  
a Channel, without some Act is committed.  
I contend they could have no intention to take  
the Harriet, because they did not take her,  
when there was nothing to prevent them.  
Any night the natives who slept on board  
could have thrown the two or three men who  
kept watch over board, and got Peperu