

of which apparently arises out of this circumstance,
"that the Native Spirit has been roused by the
"long intercourse of the natives with Europeans,
"but none of them having been converted to
"Christianity, the native heart with its blind
"attachment to the most barbarous customs remains
"unchanged, and inclines its possessor to pursue
"them with additional vigour. In the first year
after our arrival many New Zealanders died.
They had not food sufficient to keep them
alive, and in this weak condition we could
discern but little of the native mind. Since
then the natives in general at the Bay of
Islands, and parts of the country adjacent,
eager to procure implements of war, and
implements of husbandry, have exerted
themselves so much in cultivating land for
Potatoes, Indian Corn &c. that they have