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It now becomes my painful duty to state to you the Situation I found the European Settlers in, on my arrival at the Bay of Islands - They were all like Sheep without a Shepherd - they had all departed from the path of duty, and every one more or less was seeking his Gain from his quarter. The Enemy had made dreadful work amongst them - he had sown tares amongst the wheat, and destroyed all Christian Love and confidence, so that there was little to be heard but mutual accusations - when I beheld these things, I was grieved in my Spirit - my heart was pained within me. I felt the greatest indignation at their Conduct, and could not help expressing my sentiments with much warmth; at the same time I felt very thankful that God had opened my way to visit them, as this might be attended with much good to the Mission; my first step was, to call a public Committee of all the Settlers, and to examine into their individual Conduct, in order that some effectual measures might be adopted to remedy the great public evils if possible. On examination I found Missrs Hendall and Carlisle had greatly neglected their School - William Hall had separated himself in a great measure from them - John King was too great a Man to make or even mend a Childs Shoe - Gordon had greatly neglected Agriculture - and they were all living unhappily; because they had all departed from the Path of Duty. Mr Hendall was very much concerned for what had happened, and I hope his past experience will stimulate his future exertions, for the good of the Mission. He had said