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told me the Natives continually reasoned with them on the injury the Horses did them but they paid no attention to their complaints - The Settlers might have taken care of the Horses with little trouble, as they were very gentle, having been broke in before I took them over. Had men destroyed their tabooed sweet Potatoe grounds the Natives would have put them to death, I wonder therefore they had patience so long with the Horses. This is a very serious loss, as they would now have been at work with the Plough. The loss is wholly owing to Idleness, and want of common attention. This circumstance grieved me much as it was such a public calamity. I had also sent over six young Heifers about two years ago - after they had arrived the Settlers informed me they could not get the Bulls to put to them, as they were wild. when I received this information I sent over two tame Bulls to run with the Heifers, when I arrived in New Zealand, I found the Bulls I had sent had never been put to the Heifers, but turned to the wild Cattle - this was also a vexatious circumstance, as it prevented their increase. I could not account for such total indifference to an object in which their own Comfort, and the future welfare of the whole Country was so materially interested. It appeared as if every thing that Man could do, or leave undone, conspired together to defeat my intentions for the general good. I had ordered ten more Heifers and one Bull of the best Breed to be sent in the Active when she came for me, when she arrived she landed nine, two died on their passage I have got about 20 Head of Cattle there at present, and I think Mr Butler will take care of them. The Settlers are not aware of the advantages Cattle are of to a Country, nor of the trouble and heavy expense attending their conveyance or they never could have acted in so thoughtless a manner. I was very angry with them tho it was of no avail; the Horses would have been as well as the Cattle of infinite