

convinced they want a Government. But there is no one Chief
possess of sufficient information, power, and Influence, to
enable him to establish himself as a King over the rest, and
the Chiefs are too proud, and jealous to invest their Authority
in the hands of any Individual of their own Country. The
Chiefs at the River Thames requested that some European
Soldiers might be sent to them, to assist them to protect
themselves from the more powerful Tribes at the Bay of Islands,
who have greatly the advantage over them from their Fire arms.
It is necessity, not Choice that induces them to solicit this
assistance, and perhaps this necessity may open the way,
and lay the foundation for the establishment of a regular
Government in time. Tho' the Chiefs know they want a
Government and are sensible that their Country would
be greatly benefited, from what they have seen heard and
learned from their intercourse with the Europeans, yet
they never can accomplish such an important object
without the assistance of some civilized nation.
If they lived under the Authority of one Chief he might
form some regular Government, but under their feudal System
this can never be done. Tho' one Tribe or whole districts would
willingly receive foreign assistance to protect them from
their more powerful Enemies, yet I think it very probable,
that the body of the Chiefs would hesitate before they placed
their Country under the power and Government of a foreign
nation: they will never wish to be commanded if they
can possibly avoid this. Temmaranga is a man of very
sound sense; and very deep reflection - He laments the
state of his Country much more than any Chief I have
ever seen, and is better acquainted with its miseries. He
is a Chief of great Consequence: has been a great warrior,
but is now anxious to put a stop to their destructive wars,
and the three months he has travelled with me, he has used
every argument with the Chiefs we have met with, to induce
them to live in peace. He has often told me that there
is nothing but the high hand of Authority that can restrain
some of the Chiefs from Spoil and Murder - and has observed,
if he was King, and had the power, he would take their
Heads off immediately, if they would not be quiet, and
seemed to think that nothing short of that would put a
stop to their Cruelties - He is very anxious that Captain
Downies Recommendation to the British Government, to
send a man of war to New Zealand, should be attended
to, as he hopes his Country will derive many benefits