

from such a measure: and particularly that a Man of War will prevent those Tribes who are possessors of Fire Arms from ranging the Sea Coast, and murdering the Tribes who are not able to resist them. I am strongly inclined to think that those Chiefs at the River Thames at Wyckokko and further to the Southward, who have no means to procure Arms and Ammunition, will be driven from mere necessity to place themselves under the protection of some civil Government, should they have it in their power to do this. Should such an event ^{ever} take place, and security given to persons and property, New Zealand will then be a civilized Nation in a short time, and Agriculture and the simple Arts will flourish. Its Climate and other local advantages are so favourable for the production of all the Comforts of Civil Life, that it will rise in importance, and its inhabitants will abound with plenty.

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