you ask me if I have not changed ~~your~~ Son
Answer. I hope and justly too — ~~——~~ ~~very justly~~ B
I had many Reasons for wishing your Son to return with
me to New South Wales Some after our arrival in
New Zealand. Some of which I shall mention —
It gave me much concern to see such personal
Differences between you and your Son — I had never
seen a Father provoke a Son to wrath so much
as you did him, nor a Son to disobedient to a Father as
he was to you — I was afraid that some very
direful evils would arise from these Differences indep-
endent of the bad Effects produced upon the minds of
the Natives by your mutual ~~quarrels~~ aggravated + / Mr M. like a drowning man, catch at a straw
threatened of destroying himself & a complete Lie
Escape as Mrs Butler can testify / for swearing his
very unhappy on his Account — I felt much
for his Distress — This was one Reason why I wished
your Son to be removed for a time ——

+ You may remember that shortly after we landed at
Kawhea Roa, a very direful Quarrel happened betwee
you and the Chief Matuee about a Pitseen — You
suffered yourself to be overcome by the most
violent Passions, and for a mere Trifle — I was fre
I suspected Matuee would have given you a mort
blow every moment with his Patoo, from y
threatening language towards him — At length I
got you into Mrs Platts House, when I retired into the
Bed Room — In a few moments I heard Mrs
Butler Scream aloud, that the natives were
killing you — I hastened to the Spot in whence

Mary Ann Wood and Jabez Wood