

amongst the Society's Stores on board the Westmoreland  
advising that small hatchets sold so well amongst the  
natives, <sup>that</sup> it would be desirable to write for a large  
quantity in order that we might be well supplied.  
Now these hatchets are all of them used by the natives  
as weapons of war. We all of us know it to be a fact.  
You know it to be a fact yourself. But as these  
hatchets are not used as weapons of war by the  
English, I suppose, it was on that very account  
that the cries of the innocent children whose  
parents had been butchered by them did not  
occur to you. I say not too much, when I assert,  
that your observations & your feelings are not in  
unison. There may be men in the world who could  
view with pleasure a human body cut up  
with a hatchet in preference to being dispatched  
with a musket ball, but not Mr Marsden.  
I am fully convinced that the people of New Zealand  
will be in a savage state so long as they use savage  
weapons; and altho' Muskets will not convert them  
to Christianity yet I believe they may on certain  
occasions use them, even after they become Christians.