

Opinion, that whenever we come to the true
Knowledge of the Character of the New Zealanders
they will not be found much worse than the
ancient Heathens, mentioned by St. Paul in
the 1st Chap^r of R. who changed the glory of the
incorruptible God, into an Image like to corrup-
tible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts and
creeping things" -

I consider the whole of Mr. Kendall's letter a master
piece of Subtlety; a letter which few men would
have ^{had} assurance to have written in his Circumstances.
He takes no notice of his own improper Conduct,
of his being dismissed from the mission. He
expresses no Contrition for his Crimes, no Humi-
lity of mind, no wish to return from his
backslidings - A stranger reading this letter,
would suppose that he was in the Confidence
and Esteem of the Society; in the actual
Discharge of his Public Duty as a missionary,
and doing all in his Power to promote the
good of the Heathen - Mr. Kendall was well
aware this letter would be put into my hands
by Mr. Nassall - he might think it possible that
I should not discover the Spirit under which he
wrote, and by that means I might be induced to
interest myself on his behalf against from his
great Exertions - Had I seen any signs of
Penitence, had he expressed any deep sense