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Res^d L dear Sir

Agreeable to your request I have made every enquiry respecting the Cannibalism of the New Zealanders & beg to return the following answers to the Queries proposed by your Committee?

Question (1) "What acts of the New Zealanders eating human Flesh, have fallen under your own actual observation?"

Answer Some of the Missionaries never saw them eat human flesh.

Mr Kendall never did. & I could not learn that any of the Missionaries at Ranghreeho ever did.

At Kiddee Kiddee on Shunghees return from war some Slaves were killed and eat. The Missionaries saw some human flesh dressed for eating.

Question (2) "On what occasions were those perpetrated?"

Answer As a sacrifice, or satisfaction for the death of a Relative or Friend, The dead Body is considered holy food, or holy sacrifice; & The Persons who eat it are holy after a Battle