

The scrapings of Sails, Hulks and Prisons - Men who had forfeited their lives or liberties to the laws of their Country: - but He mercifully gave them their lives for a prey, and sent them forth to make a way for His Missionary servants - for them that should bring glad tidings - that should publish peace to the Heathen world - that should say unto them in the name of the Lord "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth" - "For I am God and there is none else". - Well may we exclaim with the apostle: "How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways, past finding out". -

Having made the above preliminary observations, I need only add, that, on the 26th of January 1788, the first convicts arrived in Botany Bay under the command of Admiral Phillips who was appointed Governor of the new Colony. -

I shall now proceed to notice the first dawn of the rising of the sun of righteousness upon the poor benighted heathen of Newzealand. - In the year 1793, His Majesty's ship "Dedalus" Commanded by Lieut. Hanson was in the South seas on discovery, and during his voyage, the Lieut. touched at Newzealand, and anchored in Sandy bay, a little to the southward of the North Cape. - Some natives came off, in their canoes, to see the ship; - among whom were two young chiefs,* who alone could be prevailed upon to go on board; - they were invited into the cabin, and were much entertained with the various objects they then saw. -

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Soon after they had come on board, Lieut. Hanson