

that the grain was produced from the top, and not from the bottom, of the stem, as they had supposed, yet, they could not be persuaded that Bread could be made from it.

About this time the 'Jefferson' whaler, commanded by Mr Tho: Barnes, put into the Bay of Islands; and Duaterra being anxious to remove the prejudices of the Chiefs respecting the wheat, and to prove (what he had before asserted) that it could be made into biscuit; requested the loan of a pepper or Coffee Mill from the master, to grind some of his wheat into flour (if such an instrument could do it) - that he might make a cake before them; but, the mill was too small, and he did not then succeed, in his design. - He sent me word, by a vessel proceeding from Newzealand to Sydney, that he had sown his wheat and it had grown well; but, he had not timely thought of a mill to grind it; and requested me to send him some tools of agriculture which, I determined to do, by the first opportunity.

A short time after this, the 'Queen Charlotte' cleared out from Port Jackson for the Pearl Islands; and, as this vessel would likely have to pass the north cape of Newzealand, I thought there was a probability of her touching at the Bay of Islands, and I, therefore, put some hoes, and other agricultural tools, as also a few bags of seed wheat, on board, and requested the Captain (Mr Wm Shelley) to deliver them to Duaterra should his ship touch at
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