

The Brig 'Active' having, about this time, arrived from the Derwent, the owner proposed to sell her, and I therefore, became the purchaser, and ordered the vessel to be got ready for sea, directing Messrs Hall and Kendall to proceed in her to Bay of Islands.

When the Active sailed, I sent a messenger to Duaterra, to inform him, for what purpose I had sent over Messrs Kendall and Hall; and invited him to return with them to Port Jackson, and to bring two or three Chiefs along with him. — I sent him on this occasion, a Steel Mill to grind his wheat, a sieve to clean it, and a few other useful presents. — On the arrival of the Brig at her destination, the Settlers were kindly received by Duaterra, and the other Chiefs, and every attention was paid to them, during the six weeks they remained on the Island. — Duaterra was greatly rejoiced by the receipt of the Mill: — He quickly set to work and ground some wheat in the presence of his countrymen, who danced and shouted for joy, at seeing the flour.

He told me that he made a cake, baked it in a frying-pan, & gave it to the people to eat; which fully satisfied them of the truth, of what he had repeatedly told them: — namely, "that wheat would make bread". — The Chiefs then begged some more wheat, which they received, and sowed, and there can be little doubt, but they will soon learn to appreciate the value of wheat.