

Previous to the time the Active reached New Zealand, Duaterra had resolved to visit Sydney by the first vessel which might sail for Port Jackson, in order to procure a mill, some hoes, and other articles which he much wanted. He therefore greatly rejoiced when the 'Active' anchored in the Bay of Islands, trusting to get a passage in her; but, on receiving the mill and wheat &c. which I sent, he altered his mind, observing, that he would now apply himself to agriculture for two years, as he had the means of cultivating his land and grinding his wheat. - His uncle Shunghee had, at the time, a great desire to visit Port Jackson: and being a powerful Chief at home, and having no friend at Port Jackson, who could speak English and the New Zealand tongue; Duaterra was induced to accompany him, although his wives, friends, and people, earnestly requested him to stay at home. - He endeavoured to persuade them that he would return in four moons, but they disbelieved him, under an erroneous idea, that the "Active" would not again return. - Their Priest told him, that his head wife was sure to die, before his return, if he left her. (This very woman hung herself the day after Duaterra died, on account of her tender affection and love for him.) He told the Priest he had often returned before, and would soon return again. - He accordingly took leave of his relations and