

Spears fixed in the ground uprightly. These instruments were from 15 to 20 feet in length - they were also armed with patoos.

Quaterra, with a Pistol in his hand, stood at some distance from the chiefs, and on my coming up to them, he fired off the pistol, and directed those who had muskets to do the same. - This being done, the Whangaroa party returned the compliment, by discharging their fire arms - which I considered as a favourable omen to the success of my mission.

One of the principal chiefs (who had cut off the 'Boyd') had been at Parramatta and knew me; he had also acquired tolerable English from being on board of whalers. He was known to Europeans by the name of George.

I made a few presents to the chiefs, and after some conversation, on various subjects particularly on our visit to New Zealand, I enquired how they came to cut off the Boyd and to murder the crew. Two of them stated, that they were at Port Jackson when the Boyd was there; and had been put on board by a Mr. Lord in order to return home. - That George (their chief) had fallen sick while on board and was unable to do his duty as a common sailor, in consequence of which, he was severely punished - was refused provisions - threatened to be thrown ^{over}