

70 years of age, and Duatera's wife, bearing in her hand, a patoo about seven feet long, made of the jaw-bone of a whale; - She brandished this weapon about, in the very centre of the mock fight, and went through all the various movements usually performed by the men, in advancing and retreating. After both parties had run and struggled together, till nearly exhausted (some having been trampled upon and others accidentally knocked down) they formed a close body and united in the shouts of victory and in the war-dance, which ended the scene. Duatera, during the action, commanded one party and Koro-Koro the other. The former passed the remaining part of the day in preparing for the Sabbath. He enclosed about half an acre of ground with a fence, in the centre of which, he erected a pulpit and a reading Desk, and covered the whole with, either Black native made cloth, or some duck which he had brought with him from Port Jackson. He also procured the bottoms of some old canoes, and fixed them up as seats for the Europeans, on each side of the pulpit; intending to have Divine Service performed next day. These preparations were made of his own accord, and in the evening, he first informed me that every thing was ready for public worship. - I was much pleased with this singular mark of his attention. - The reading desk