

Desk was about three, and the pulpit, six, feet from the ground; - The black native cloth, covered the top of the Pulpit and hung over the sides. - The bottom of the pulpit, as well as the Reading-Desk, was made of part of a Canoe and the whole was becoming and had a solemn appearance. He had also erected a flagstaff on the highest hill in the Village which had a very commanding view. - On Sunday morning, when I went upon deck I saw the English flag flying, which was a pleasing sight in New Zealand, I considered it the signal for the dawn of civilization, liberty, and Religion in that dark and benighted land.

I never viewed the British flag with more gratification, and I flattered myself, they would never be removed, till the natives of that Island, enjoyed all the happiness of British Subjects.

About 10 A.M. we prepared to go on shore to publish the glad tidings of the Gospel of Christ, for the first time, on this Island.

I was under no apprehension for the safety of the vessel, and therefore ordered all on board to attend Divine Service on shore, except the master and one man - On our landing we found Korokoro, Duatera, and Shunghee dressed in Regimentals, which had been given them by Governor Macquarie, - their men drawn up ^{up} ready