

I was apprehensive that this unpleasant circumstance might be attended with serious consequences unless the chief's mind could be satisfied with respect to the chastity of his wife. — I sent for Quatera and consulted with him, when it was agreed that the man, who was said to have given Mrs. Waris the nail should be sent for, and if any improper act could be proved against him, he should be confined to the vessel. —

A public investigation therefore took place, in presence of the chief and many of the inhabitants, — held on the open beach where they dance and exercise. — The newzealand woman and the accused european were brought forward. She defended herself very warmly, but said she could not identify the man, who had given her the nail, ~~affirming~~ ^{but} however that she had received it as a present. —

After a long examination, she was acquitted by the unanimous voice of the chiefs, to the satisfaction of all parties. Tho' I could not but entertain suspicions of the lady's chastity, from her hesitation to point out the person, who had given her the nail. — I took this opportunity to assure them, that if any person belonging to