

They were well dressed and received us very cordially. - There were three of Houpi's nephews and their Ladies who wore fine mats fancifully wrought, which reached from their shoulders to their feet, and had a very graceful appearance. - I had taken a few pieces of print some plane irons, common nails &c - with me - of which I made the Chiefs and their Ladies a few presents. - We had a few baskets of potatoes dropped. - Several songs and dances, in which the Chiefs and their Ladies took an active part, and exerted all their strength and voices to amuse us. - It was now about 5 p.m. we therefore took our leave and returned on board to dinner. - When we had set down, I was informed that two Canoes were coming off with the Chiefs and their Ladies. - I went on deck to receive them, and invited them to dine with us, which they readily accepted.

I told the Chiefs I wanted some potatoes and hogs for the vessel, but as the men had gone to war, to whom they belonged, I could not purchase any, and therefore it was my intention to sail that evening for the Bay of Islands.

They wanted me much to stay, and told me to take whatever we wanted on shore, regardless of what the people said;