

higher in authority than our friends, to whom we were conducted. He was seated on the ground and a clean mat was placed by for Mr. Nicholas and me; the war Commander stood all the time with a spear in his hand. - The head chief was a very old man with a long grey beard, and little hair upon his head; he was an exceeding pleasant man. - Korotero came with us, he related to the Chief all the wonders he had seen at Port Jackson the attention paid to him, the riches of our Country, and for what purpose our Brig had come to New Zealand. - The old Chief laughed much, and made many enquiries, and wanted us to stay till next day; he ordered us some pork and gave a few baskets of fish for the people. -

We stopt till about 10 o'clock, when we took our leave; having enjoyed a very pleasant evening. - They conducted us through the surf and we made for the vessel, she was by this time so far distant that we could not even hear the muskets which were fired as signals, tho' we could observe the flash of the powder which directed us to the vessel. - We got on board, when a breeze sprang up and we made sail, and the next morning

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