

their punishment (in New Zealand) was the same - for they will as soon kill a man for stealing potatoes as for murder. - The Chief has the power of life and death over his people.

They appeared much astonished, when I told them that King George had not the power to put any man to death, tho' a much greater King than any in New Zealand, - I explained to them the nature of a British jury - that no man could be put to death in England unless twelve Gentlemen had examined into the case of the accused prisoner on any alleged offence, and if they pronounced him guilty of a crime deserving death then King George could put him to death but if these twelve Gentlemen said he was not guilty King George could not put him to death; - and even when a Criminal is condemned to die - King George has the authority to pardon him if he wishes to do so.

They remarked that such a law was very good; and one of them asked what Governor we should send them.

I replied that we had no intention of sending them any; but wished them to Govern themselves. - I mentioned some crimes