

Father had been slain in battle, and that his body was wrapped up and placed upon that stage where it would remain till the bones moulded away. — I could not observe any part of the body, as the covering had been drawn up into a round form, and not stretched out like our dead.

The Chiefs in Newzealand, when they die, are generally placed on stages, in some secret groves, several of which I saw. — The natives do not like to visit the places allotted to their departed friends, and there is generally some frightful image erected near the spot, to terrify all who approach near the repository of their dead. — I was therefore surprised that Weewea had his father's remains so near his dwelling and in the centre of the village. This village is situated in the centre of a rich valley, the land good and fit for cultivation; I also observed many noble pine trees.

Weewea was anxious to have some European residents at Wycaddes, and pointed out the spot where their houses might be built, on the rich banks of the river, where the advantages of situation