

School. — He had already begun to teach the children, and had taken into the school two fine boys, the sons of a common man at Rangheebo; Those Chiefs told me, it was of no use to teach the children of the common people; that they had no lands, or servants and could never rise higher in rank than their parents — but, that it would be very good to instruct the sons of the Chiefs.

From which I should learn that there is no middle class of people in New Zealand, they are all either Chiefs or, in a certain degree, slaves — at the same time, the Chiefs do not give their commands to the people indiscriminately, as a body, with that authority which masters in civil society exercise over their servants — nor do their dependants feel themselves bound to obey such commands, it is true they have the power to put any of their people to death for criminal conduct, but as the Chiefs have no means of remunerating the services of their dependants, there being reciprocal contracts between them as master and servant, they cannot command the people, as a body, to labour on their ^{land}