

before I sailed. — I told him I should be ready to attend him, but hoped to see him better first and recommended him to take what nourishment he could. —

Having obtained permission to see him at all times I called the next day and found that he spoke much better and I entertained hopes of his recovery — but on the following day he appeared worse. — He was supplied with all the necessaries he could wish for, by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kendall, Hall and King, who willingly did all they could for him. —

All the utensils used in conveying meat or drink to the sick Chief were detained by his relations, who said if these were removed Duaterra would die; and he was himself of the same opinion! — So strongly rooted is superstition in the human mind, when once admitted. —

I had hitherto met every thing in New Zealand to my full satisfaction and nothing to give me pain till this unexpected affliction of Duaterra which was to me, very distressing, because, upon his wisdom, zeal, industry, and influence, I had calculated the production of many advantages to New Zealand. My hopes were now likely to be blighted, as I could entertain little expectation of his being restored. —