

I know Infinite Wisdom cannot err; what the Great Head of the Church ordains to be done will in the end be best; but, as David moaned for Abner - I shall long moan for Duaterra - now removed by Death; for as a great man fell in Israel when Abner was killed, so did a great man fall in Newzealand when Duaterra died, so far as natural causes may be considered to operate. - I attributed Duaterra's sickness to his exertions, he was a man of great bodily strength, and possessed an active and a comprehensive mind; which on his return to Newzealand, he exerted to the utmost day and night to carry the plans he had formed into execution. - His grand object was agriculture - He calculated that in two years he should be able to raise sufficient wheat for all his people, to supply other chiefs with seed, and in a short time to export some to Port Jackson in exchange for Iron and such other articles as he might want. - With this view he had visited his different lands, or farms, some of them forty miles distant from Rongheehoo - laid out the ground he intended to clear and cultivate and marked out the work for his men having