

if he had any thing to send. The vessel should wait till I heard from him again: at the same time I sent him a present of some edge tools which I had reserved for his use.

In about three hours Lem returned with a quantity of potatoes and about (3 Cwt.) of flax: he also brought a boy whom the Chief wished me to take to Port Jackson with a request that Lem might accompany him and return by the *Actiae* on her next trip to New Zealand. — I was unwilling to disappoint the wishes of this Chief who placed such confidence in me — and I therefore gave my consent for them both to remain in the vessel. — We then made sail and bore away with a fine breeze for Port Jackson.

Lem told me the Chief's eldest son, whom I had seen on shore, was very anxious to come, but, his mother would not consent at this time. — I had now twelve natives as passengers, besides the one employed in the vessel, on board, and it was with the most heartfelt satisfaction that I left New Zealand. —