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I had not met with the slightest accident
provocation or insult:—I had fully accom-
plished the object of my voyage and
satisfied myself respecting the real
character and disposition of these heathens

I had obtained satisfactory evidence
that there existed no real obstruction
to the introduction of christianity and
civilization among them, and that
nothing more was requisite than
common prudence on the part of the
persons who might be engaged in this
humane and benevolent undertaking
— Nothing material happened during
our passage till the 20th of March
when we had a very heavy storm
of thunder and lightning from
the south east; — It blew a very hard
gale which compelled us to lay to
for two days and nights. at this
time we were not far off the coast
of New South ^{Holland} Wales. — Some of the
New Zealanders were greatly alarmed
for their safety and expected the
vessel to be dashed to pieces every
moment. particularly the chief
Timmerangha who wept and said
he would never see his wife and
children any more — and begged the
capt.