

and every preparation was made for completing the
print, with all possible dispatch, in order that the stores
might be landed, and the Settlements formed at Kiddee Kiddee,
and Manowowra.

August 23rd. We assembled on the beach for public
worship, as there was no place, for divine service suf-
ficient to hold the People. We were surrounded with
Natives, and a number of Chiefs from different districts
of the River Thames. It was very gratifying to our
feelings, and afforded us a pleasing prospect, to be
able to perform the worship of the true God in the open air,
without any sensations of fear or danger, when surrounded
by Cannibals with their spears stuck in the ground,
and their ~~Tattoos~~ ^{Tattoos} - ~~tattoos~~ & daggers concealed under their
Mats. We could not doubt but that the time was
at hand for gathering to the fold of Christ this noble
race of men, whose temporal and spiritual wants
we inconceivably great, and call loudly on the
Christian world for relief. Their misery is extreme.
The Prince of Darkness, God of this world, has full
dominion over both their bodies and souls. Under
the influence of darkness and superstition, many
devote themselves to death, and the chiefs sacrifice
their slaves as a satisfaction for the death of any of
their friends - So great is the tyranny which
Satan exercises over this people! - A tyranny
from which nothing but the gospel can set them
free; and we cannot hope for the gospel having
its full effect, according to the ordinary course
of the Divine proceedings, without the united
aid of the ~~the~~ World. Suitable means must
be provided for the civilization & evangelization