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assistance. He said he never prayed but at those
times when he wanted the aid of the Atua. We
endeavoured to explain to him, that our God made
every thing, that he was always present with us
and continually took care of us, & heeded and saw all
that we did and said.

The Chief wished that an European would come to teach
them; & said that he would give him a farm, & that
he should live near him.

Howenna and his people live in a rich & fertile valley.
There are a great number of fine children; & a very important
Station might be formed in this valley for Missionaries.
& I cannot doubt but that they would be kindly received.

We had much conversation on the subject with the
Priest & Howenna, who appeared a very mild man.
After dinner in order to relieve ourselves from the
pressure of the people, we took a walk on the beach.
The Natives followed us in crowds. We desired them to
return as we wished to be more alone. They immedi-
ately complied with our request.

We returned in a few hours, & spent the evening in use-
ful conversation.

Oct. 4, 1819. We rose early this morning, with an inten-
tion to examine the entrance into the river. It blew very
fresh. The Priest said that we should have his War
Canoe, & he would ~~prevent~~ ^{accompany} us to prevent the winds &
waves from rising.

As soon as breakfast was over, the Priest, Mr. William
Puckey, and a very fine crew of Native Young Men,
launched the canoe, and we set off for the Heads,