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Savagery and eating human flesh wrote against them  
which had intimidated the Society and had tried to  
Discredit all that Mr Kendall and I could say in  
their favour, It was not until the Missionaries  
had resided in New Zealand for more than three  
years that the Society ventured to send any more  
from England, and if they wished those Missionaries  
to remain in the Island they must be kind to all of  
them and not abate them and make them un-  
easy by tearing applications for axes, hoes, &c. least they  
should retire quietly from them as the Missionaries  
had formerly done from Ahuete with an intention  
never to return had not Pomare from time to time  
solicited them to do so. In answer to the above  
the Chiefs said that they had never understood  
the object of the Missionaries so clearly before and  
with respect to the main ground of the Europeans  
fears - of being killed and eaten - they contended that  
this was altogether on our part groundless, and  
that if it was absurd to suppose that they would  
act so contrary to their own interest as to kill  
and eat people who came to live quietly among  
them and introduce so many articles of great value  
Besides they said we lived here under the approbation  
and protection of all the Chiefs and if one Chief  
was against us he could only trouble us by his  
repeated applications he would dread the power  
of the other Chiefs and durst not do us any  
further injury, but if all the Chiefs or the Major