

feathers - They had prepared a great quantity of sweet and common potatoes, Fern roots (which are about the size of small turnips, and of which they are very fond). - A sheet had also been prepared and covered with clean fern straw, for us to sit on. - Here the natives had a great feast, according to their custom. - There was a portion for me, another for Timmoranga, and the party who constantly attended me, - dished and placed before us, in small baskets. - In this manner, the whole was divided into parts; and after eating their fill, the surplus of each portion, was deposited in the baskets, in which they were respectively served; for the purpose of carrying it away; for, it is an invariable custom with the New Zealanders, when they visit each other, to take with them, what they cannot eat.

The Children were greatly alarmed and terrified, at my entrance into the villop. - They shrieked aloud, ran every where, to hide themselves; screaming with all their might - one alarmed another of them, till terror spread thro' the whole. - If I had come from the invisible world; they could not have been more frightened. - The terrific impression upon their infant minds, at the first sight of a white person, was so strong, as not to be removed by any attention on my part - during my stay among them. - Tho' some of them attended me, with their parents, in my several visits. - Yet, if they caught my eye, but accidentally fixed on them, they shrieked aloud, and nothing on my part could pacify them. - I had not met any thing like it, before, in New Zealand: as their Children in general, are open, free and familiar; anxious to show every little