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March Camp.

the other chiefs who were assembled in the
 I here met with many chiefs
 from distant parts of New Zealand with
 whom I had been formerly acquainted.
 They all expressed their gratification at
 our meeting again. After conversing
 upon different matters, the Rev. Mr. Williams
 entered upon the subject of our mission.
 He stated to them the evils of war
 and more particularly of a civil
 war, in which they were then engaged.
 He then endeavoured to impress upon
 them, that they were not fighting
 for the protection of their lives and
 property, but they were merely killing
 each other, in which contest some of
 them lost their dearest friends. They
 listened to us with great attention,
 and several of them replied to our
 arguments. They repeated the original
 cause of the war, and laid the
 entire blame upon Capt. Brind, con-
 demning his conduct very much, &
 observed that they regretted the dis-
 tressing calamities that had taken
 place, and were desirous that the
 differences should be settled, but that
 it was impossible for them to do
 so amicably without the consent of
 their friends, who had not yet arrived
 as some of their relatives had been
 killed in the late action. At the same
 time they wished that we would use
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