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heard us with the greatest attention. Many of the chiefs replied in turn, & some of them spoke with considerable force, and dignity in their address, & their orations continued for some hours. Some were for war, and others for peace. We remained until night, closed upon us, pleading for a reconciliation. Though we had devoted the whole day we were happy to find at the end that we had some prospect of success; as it was finally agreed that we should proceed the next morning to Purua and report to him what had taken place at Matoroa. We returned home about 9 o'clock in

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the Evening; and the next morning as soon as day dawned, a chief named Timmaranga, knocked at my bedroom window, and requested to see me immediately. He had just arrived with his tribe from Tiamhi. When I got up, he told me that he and his men were come to join the people at Howa Howa, to support Hevi Hevi against Purua and his tribes. Timmaranga had lived with me at Parramatta some years before. He was much rejoiced to see me, and observed that his countrymen would not attend to the advice which I had given them when I was formerly in New Zealand, which was not to war with