

replied that they could not avoid war
 as acts of violence or robbery were con-
 stantly committed by one or another
 and they had no means of preventing
 or punishing these public evils but by
 war or plunder. They regretted the
 serious loss of life sustained in the
 late battle, and attributed all the
 recent calamities to Capt. Brind as
 the original aggressor. In addition
 to political subjects we introduced
 that of religion. One chief whom the
 Rev. Mr. Williams had visited was
 there. He told Mr. Williams that he
 had prayed to our God ^{every} day
 in consequence of what the Missionaries
 had told him, but observing that God
 was a great way off, and he did not
 know whether He had heard him
 or not, as he had received no answer.
 I was much struck with this remark.
 It evidently appeared that he desired
 to know the only true God. He
 reminded me of the Roman Centurion
 Cornelius who prayed to God always
 until he received instructions from
 Heaven through the ministry of an
 Angel, who desired him to send
 for Peter, who should tell him what
 he ought to do ^{by} to be saved. I
 trust that God who answered Cornelius
 will answer the prayer of this poor
 New Zealander. Mr. Williams also remarked
 that