

eighty men, seventy one women, and fifty
 one children assembled. The chief informed
 me that twenty men were out fishing,
 and a number working in the fields.
 They entreated that the missionaries should
 not be taken from them. I told them
 I could make them no promises until
 I had written to England. The Head
 Chief, wanted to know the reason of
 their removal, and enquired what had
 been done to offend them? "Had any
 of them been robbed, or murdered, or
 injured? If any of them have received
 any injury from us, they have a
 right to leave us, but if they can
 show no just cause of complaint,
 we shall all be very angry at their
 departure."— Mr. King had lived with
 them on the same spot, since the
 missionaries first landed in New Zealand,
 and the chief told him that if the
 missionaries left them, their houses sho.
 never be touched till they were rotten,
 and when any Europeans came there,
 and enquired whose they were, they
 would tell them that they once belonged
 to the missionaries, and were preserved
 as Monuments of their disgrace for
 deserting their stations without any
 injury being offered to them, or
 any just cause of complaint. I
 was much concerned to see their feelings
 so much wounded, and in order to quiet
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