

their agitated minds told them, that they should not ~~all~~ be taken from them, and this assurance pacified them.

I am decidedly of opinion that it would have been neither safe nor prudent to remove them at that time.

The Head Chief observed to me that the Men in New Zealand were dying off very fast. Some were lost at sea in their Canoes in stormy weather, others were shot in battle, and others died from the fatigues of war, and many hung themselves; and that New Zealand would never be better circumstanced, until they had some Commerce, by which their wants could be supplied; but that they could do nothing without assistance, as they had no means. The last time the Chief was at Sydney, he went with me to see Archdeacon Broughton, who asked him "why they did not build houses" - he replied "will you give us any nails". He observed that they could assist to build a ship if they had materials, and kill whales if they had a vessel; but as they were they could do nothing; and they should continue to carry out war with each other, until there would be few remaining. There were many ^{Native} Chiefs present when the Chief expressed himself in the above terms, who acquiesced ⁱⁿ with these sentiments, so fully sensible are they