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afterwards would be anxious to get a gun and when he had a gun, he would want to fight, and then he might either kill some person, or be killed. Every thing thus predicted by Mr. Clarke had occurred. He had been tattooed, got a gun, and had killed two men in the last action and was nearly shot himself. He saw a gun levelled at him, and instantly stopped, when the shot went over his head and killed in the man behind him. He acknowledges that it was God alone, who saved him from death and ruin. The reflection that he had shot two men, greatly distressed his mind. He seems to be fully convinced of the evil of sin, and I hope that his present repentance will produce a real change in his purposes and character. His distress reminded me of what David suffered at the remembrance of the sin he committed, when he murdered Uriah, and afterwards composed the 51st Psalm.

April 18

Sunday 18th This day I preached twice at Kei Kei, to full congregations and administered the Holy Sacrament. In no part of the Universe can the Sabbath day be more sacredly observed, than in this settlement. The Missionaries can leave their Houses open, and every European man and woman attend Church without any apprehension of their premises being robbed. All is still, quiet, and orderly, from
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