

set apart a portion of their potatoe grounds with the crop on the ground and Indian Corn, to prevent them from destroying the whole.

With respect to their female slaves, it is seldom that a chief can be prevailed upon to permit any of them to marry. He always appropriates a number of wives for himself. To violate any of these women would be death to her as well as to the seducer. On this account they are comparatively few of these women, who are married, and hence the small proportion of children to the women. This is a cruel and barbarous custom. The Chiefs find those reputed wives more industrious than free women, and more to be depended upon for honesty. It is wholly from motives of private interest that these poor female slaves are set apart for their Masters. This unjust and cruel custom is not likely to be done away with, until the Christian religion has produced its due effect upon their minds, and they are brought to adopt the customs and manners of the civilized world.

The New Zealanders have a strong belief in witchcraft, which they call Makutu, and that those persons who have this power, can destroy any whom they wish, by their art. When a man believes that he is makutued, he generally flies away, for the dread of death, has such an effect upon