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long mission here as Kendall

on shore. Since my arrival I had not lost any moment in examining the natives relative to their Wars, Religion, Customs and Manners.

The character and history of the New Zealanders would be very interesting if it could be purely written. They are a noble race of men, and are very religious in their way: Men of the first capacity of mind: of great perseverance, and enterprise, who never lose sight of an object until they attain it. They are powerful reasoners upon every subject they that has come within their knowledge: possess a quick conception, and are well acquainted with human nature. At present there is nothing in New Zealand but war, to exercise their active minds. Should the arts of peace in time open to them the field of commerce, to provide them with employment, the inclination for war would gradually disappear.

During the time I had been on shore, the Snapper, a small cutter had arrived from Port Jackson bound to the Society Islands.

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Wednesday 13th. It was resolved this morning to engage the Snapper to convey the Rev^d Mr & Mrs Turner and the Rev^d Wesleyan Missionary Society's stores to Waiarua to join the Rev^d as Leigh and