

to impress upon my mind that the gale was raised by the anger of our God and who dived under the vessel, broke the anchors, tossed the ship into the air and down again, and at last dashed her on shore upon the beach, and the ship and cargo were totally lost. These two events will long be considered as just judgments upon the Masters of the ships for violating the Sabbath, by the natives of New Zealand. We may remark upon such awful examples how the winds and the sea obey the divine command.

These shipwrecks made more impression upon the minds of the Natives than all the preaching and arguments of the Missionaries could have done without supernatural influence, in producing in them a belief that there was a God who had ordained the Sabbath, and enjoined cessation from all worldly occupations. The Chief Detokree told me about an hour before the Brampton stranded, that our God would destroy the ship, for no other reason than that the Capt. sailed on the Sabbath.

I always rested on the Sabbath day on my different journeys thro' New Zealand, and passed it in conversing with the natives upon the subject of religion and the appointment of the Sabbath