

joy and gratitude. We viewed the various operations with inexpressible delight, and considered them as the dawn of Civil, and religious liberty, to this land of Superstition, Darkneps, and Cruelty. On the following day, all our works went on well, and every preparation was made for completing the Punt with all possible dispatch, in order that the stores might be landed, and the settlements formed at Kiddee Kiddee, and Manouora. On the Sabbath we assembled on the beach for public worship, as there was no place sufficient for Divine Service, to hold the people. We were surrounded with the natives, and a number of Chiefs from different districts, and some from the River Thames. It was very gratifying to our feelings and afforded us a pleasing prospect, to be able to perform the Worship of the true God in the open air, without any sensations of fear or danger, when surrounded with Cannibals, with their spears stuck in the ground, their patoo patoo and daggers concealed under their mats. We could not doubt but the time was at hand, for gathering into the fold of Christ, this noble race of men, whose temporal and spiritual wants are inconceivably great, and call loudly upon the Christian World for relief. Their misery is extreme, the prince of Darkneps, the God of this World, has full dominion over both their bodies and souls. Under the influence of darkneps and superstition, many devote themselves to death, and the Chiefs sacrifice their slaves as a satisfaction for the death of any of their friends: so great is the tyranny which Satan exercises over these poor heathen: a tyranny, from which nothing but the Gospel can set them free; and we cannot hope for the Gospel having its full effect, according to the ordinary course of the Divine proceedings, without the united aid of the Christian World. Suitable means must be provided for the civilization, and Evangelization, of the inhabitants of New Zealand, and if this is done, there can be little doubt, but the important object will be attained. Monday 23^d We this day built a shed for the Carpenters to work in, and in which Divine Service might be performed, while we remained at Ranghee Roo. The natives continued to saw Timber