

that it is not safe, or prudent, for masters of vessels or any of the crews, to purchase heads from the Natives: For if a Tribe knew, that the Head of their Chief, was on board any vessel, it is more than probable, they would make an attempt upon the vessel, in order to obtain the Head, from the high veneration and Esteem in which they hold these relics of their departed leaders.

Sunday 12th. Divine Service was performed this morning upon the beach in the Shed, when some Chiefs from distant districts attended. We met with no molestation from the Natives. They behaved with decorum, and we trust, they will ere long, esteem this day, above all other days, and become true worshippers of the only true and living God: Then shall this Heathen land in every sense, bring forth its increase, and God will give them his blessing. — 13th. This morning Ahoodu Ojenna came to take his leave of us; he had been upon the spot where his house stood, before he burnt it, to weep with his friends. He had cut and lacerated his face, arms, and other parts of his body very much, to express his grief according to their custom; and his friends had followed his example. We gave him a spade, Hoe, Axe, Gimblet, looking glass, file, and two knives: one for himself and one for his wife. These presents contributed to heal his distressed mind. He told me he should never return to Ranghee Hoo, but would take up his residence with his Relation Tchokee, and pressed me much to send an European to live at Cowa Cowa, with him and his friends. I promised his wishes should be granted, as soon as we could. When ever he turned his Eyes, upon his presents of tools, his joy, was visible in his countenance, and appeared to swallow up all his late sorrows. Ahoudee Ojenna is much attached to the Europeans, and was very serviceable, when I first visited New Zealand. We had also a number of Chiefs to visit us today, from different districts, some arriving last night, and others this morning. Their Object was to obtain an Hoe, or Spade: some had come more than 20 Miles. They urged their distresses with every argument in their power. We distributed about 3 Doz Hoes, amongst them, and a few other tools, and regretted much, that it was not in our power give them 300, which number would only be like a drop in the bucket. They danced for joy, when they were presented with these Tools. A number of them will immediately be at work with those Hoes, which will greatly increase