

to Ranghee Hoo, where I found Mr. Kendall arrived in safety. The Chiefs of Shokee Rangha who accompanied us on our return, were waiting for my arrival, in order to receive those presents which we had promised to them. They all assembled at the Store, where we gave them 21 Axes - 17 Hoes - 15 flat Forks - 2 Doz Plane Irons - 2 Adzes - and a quantity of fish Hooks - with a few Pocket Knives & few Harps - Ta Manghenna, the priest of the winds and waves, was in the Number - He promised when he came to Ranghee Hoo, that I should hear his God speak to him; as I told him, I could not believe he ever did converse with him, unless I heard him myself. I now called upon him, for the fulfilment of his promise, as I wished to hear his God. Ta-Manghenna replied, his God was not at Ranghee Hoo at that time, and therefore that I could not hear him. I smiled at him, and told him, I believed he never heard himself. When they had all received their presents they returned much gratified with our visit and Conduct to them. On my return to the Settlement Mr. Butler informed me, that a Chief from Ti-Ami had been very turbulent and troublesome, when he was up at Kiddee Kiddee, by going to the House of Mr. W. Hall in a very threatening manner, demanding an Axe. On Mr. Butlers return, he renewed his application, when Mr. Butler gave him two Hoes, and an Axe. He came again on the Thursday following, bringing along with him 2 Hogs for sale, which were purchased from him. He was still dissatisfied, and wanted another Axe. There were several Chiefs with him, who remained upon the beach, belonging to his tribe. Tho' they did not appear to countenance his violent Conduct, yet they took no steps to check him. We could not but infer, from their silence, that what he did, was with their consent, and if he could not obtain by fair means, the Articles he wanted, they did not disapprove of him trying what threatening would do. We remonstrated with them on the impropriety of his Conduct, and told them, that the Europeans would not remain in New Zealand, if they were not protected from insult. We came for their good, and not for our own. They expressed their regard for us, and pretended to be displeased with the