

had been more guilty in this respect. They asked us, who had put up the Boys to steal our Chisels &c when we landed the stores; intimating that this had been done privately, either by Shunghee himself, or his secret agents. They thought it hard, that they should be equally blamed with Shunghee's People for Theft, without deriving any of those profits from trade, which Shunghee's People enjoyed. They conceived, that they had not been treated with that respect and attention, which their rank and power in New Zealand, entitled them to. That the Europeans were equally indebted to them, as they were to Shunghee, for their protection; That their Tribe was ~~more~~ as powerful, and respectable as his, and their lands more extensive - and ~~was~~ that they had the same right to the harbour, where the Ships Anchored, and the Shores where the Boats landed. They said they were not offended, that we had made a new Settlement at Kiddee Kiddee, where Shunghee resided; all ^{that} they wished was, that Shunghee should not monopolize the whole of the Trade, by having all the Europeans living under his authority; as this made him, and his people, assume more consequence than they were entitled to, and tended to lower their Tribe in the public opinion. The principal articles of Trade are Spades, Hoes, Axes &c which are missionary Stores, and the articles they are so urgent for. These and many other strong arguments they urged to convince us, that they had sufficient public grounds to be dissatisfied. I could not but admit the justness of their reasoning, and regretted much that they should have any just cause of complaint; and in answer to their statements, I wished to lay before them, the real reason of this apparent partiality; at the same time I assured them, that we were equally anxious to administer to their wants, and to the wants of all their Countrymen, as we were to Shunghees, as far as we had the means to do so. In the first place I stated the cause why we paid our attentions to Shunghee. That Tippabee was a near relation to Shunghee, and the first New Zealand Chief, I had seen at Port Jackson, and with whom I had formed a particular intimacy. That when I returned from England. I brought Mess^{rs}