

which they should treat them, if they expected others to come to live in their Country, and the advantages they would derive from the richness of their soil, when once wheat and barley were introduced amongst them. We told them, it was not the custom in England, for Gentlemen's wives to cultivate the Land, whereas their wives, were working from Morning to Night in the field. That Gentlemen in England had butly one wife, while some of them had ten, that so many wives created much trouble, and quarrels. They observed, what we said was very true, that such a number of Wives, caused great disputes amongst them, that it often happened, the women, in those quarrels would go and hang themselves: but they alledged notwithstanding those evils, they could not dispense with their number of wives, for they had no money, to pay for the cultivation of their Land, and without the assistance of their Wives either as labourers or overseers, they could not cultivate their Lands at all. If they had the same means, that the Gentlemen had in England of cultivating their Land with Cattle, their wives should be Employed in a different way; But they could not alter their present plan, till they could get the means. We told them, that we hoped in time, they would have those advantages; but much would depend upon their own conduct towards the Europeans. If they behaved well to them, others would be encouraged to come to live amongst them, if ill, those that were now in New Zealand would return to their own Country. They only wished for an opportunity, to shew their affection, by having two or three with them. We conversed till a late hour, when we sung an Hymn, returned thanks to God for his goodness, and committed ourselves to his gracious protection for the Night. Thursday We rose early this Morning, and afterwards walked over the Potatoe Grounds, with the Chiefs, where his people, were at work, some were planting maize, but did not understand, how that grain was planted. They put the grains near together, which would prevent the growth of the plant. I shewed them how we planted our Maize, by planting some. The Chief saw immediately the advantage of giving the Plant sufficient room, and directed his people to follow the instructions I had given them.