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that the boy had stolen the buttons, to prevent her from striking the other woman who advocated the boy's cause — The Chief's daughter was very much vexed that the theft had been committed there, and desired me to let the woman alone and allow them to fight for she was sure the boy had stolen the buttons and no person ought to defend him — I however thought it more prudent to prevent any more blows passing between these Ladies and put an immediate stop to the quarrel — I had never seen any fighting amongst the New Zealanders before, it is not common for them to strike one another — The Chief's daughter and the other woman belonging to the family were very indignant indeed that any insult should have been given to us while we were at their residence. The Chief was equally hurt that any thing should have occurred to give us offence, and said he would endeavour to have the stolen things returned, and thus the business ended for the night — Before day-light the next morning the clasp and buttons were brought back but we never could learn who had actually stolen them, The Chief informed us that the boy who had been accused was innocent

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