

11) made them any hands: nor would he be angry with them for  
1820 drinking water out of my cup, or roasting a Potatoe at my fire.  
Aug 18 or with them, for allowing me to roast a Potatoe at their fire.  
They might also Eat in their Houses without giving offence to  
God. I stated to them that Pomare King of Otaheite once  
Tabooed every thing as they did, but had now laid aside this  
absurd custom, and acted in all these things as the white  
people did. Yet God was not angry with him, - he did not  
die, nor would he be angry with them if they acted in the  
same way - They heard me with apparent surprise, and  
asked a number of Questions. I stated to them what God  
had forbidden them to do, and what he would be angry with  
them for. That he would be angry with them if they stole  
one anothers Potatoes, Pork, or any other article. - If they  
seduced one anothers wives, murdered and eat one another: that  
those were the Crimes which would make God Angry. And  
cause him to punish them. They readily admitted that there  
were Crimes, but our God and theirs were different. They said  
I might violate their Taboos, eat in their houses or dress  
my provisions upon their fires, their God would not punish  
me, but he would kill them for my Crimes.  
I asked them if they knew any thing of the God of Kiperro,  
if they had any communication with him, they replied, that  
they often heard him whistle, with a low note. I asked  
Moodekow if he as their priest had any communication  
with their God; he also said that he had heard him whistle,  
and sounded the notes which he heard. I replied I could  
not credit what they all said unless I heard him myself.  
They all asserted what they had stated was true, and that  
all the Inhabitants in New Zealand knew it to be true. I  
still doubted, and told the priest unless I heard the Atua  
myself I could not believe that either he or any other person  
ever heard him; and that I wished to accompany him  
to any place where I could hear the communication  
between him and the Atua. He told me the Atua was in  
the Bush and I could not hear him - I replied I would  
accompany him into the Bush to him. When he came to be  
very close pressed, he said they had no God at Kiperro,  
he had heard there was a God at Thukee Wanga, but they  
had none, and requested I would give him one of my  
Gods, and he would put him in a Box, that he might  
have him always with him. I had never seen any Idol  
God, nor had I ever heard before that the New Zealanders