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The subject well, to consider his own situation on
the Island, the situation of his large family, the distressing
prospect his children had before them some of them were
now growing up Men and Women, and what were
they to do amongst the Heathen, they could not marry
amongst the Natives, and how were they to be settled
in Life? After advancing such reasons as I thought
might weigh with Mr Mendall to induce him to
leave New Zealand in his cooler moments I dropped the
subject. I think he will alter his determination
in a few days when his present feelings subside.

Since my arrival I had not lost any mo-
ment in examining the Natives relative to their
Ways, their Religion, Customs, Manners and
wishing to correct any errors I might have
fallen into for want of a more perfect know-
ledge of their language I entered into con-
versation with Mr Mendall upon these subjects
Told him what inquiries I had made, and
what information I had gained, and requested
him to correct any mistake I might have committed
I found Mr Mendall at considerable loss