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After Breakfast I left the vessel to go up to the Mission station as we had agreed to administer the Lords Supper before the Rev^ds Leigh and I left them. It rained very heavy so that I arrived very wet - After I had changed my clothes we had divine service, the Sacrament administered and Mr Shepherd churched, having been confined about three weeks. Tho God is in every place yet "he loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob." nothing tends more to maintain the life of God in the soul of man than to meet in the assembly of his Saints in his

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public house of prayer - Monday 18th. This morning the Rev^ds Leigh and Mr Shepherd prepared to send off their baggage to the cutter - It had been apprehended that the Natives would not allow them to take away their property if they allowed themselves to go away. The Missionaries at Mangarooa mentioned this to me before I came to Mangarooa, however the difficulty was soon removed. The Natives made no objections and the whole of their effects were quietly sent on board without the smallest loss. It was agreed now that Georges niece should go along with Mrs Leigh - Her father