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They knew that I had not one musket in my House and that they had never seen any when they were with me - They replied they knew what I said was true. I further added we did not interfere with the Government of New Zealand; they did what they pleased and that the Missionaries ought to be allowed to do what they pleased. Tova said that was but just, ~~and~~ observed we are at present in the same state as the Otahaitans were some time back. The Otahaitans wanted only Muskets and Powder, and would have nothing else, and now as they know better they wanted none and that the New Zealanders would care nothing about them when they knew better which they would in time, but time must be allowed them to learn better, that he had gone to War some time ago but he never would go again. All the Chiefs acquiesced in the observations Tova made - I was happy to find that their minds were so enlarged and that they had begun to take such proper views of the subject. I said Tova's remarks upon the conduct of the Otahaitans were very just and told them that the Queen Charlotte Brig which had sailed from the Bay of Islands the preceding Day, belonged to the young King Pomare, that the Otahaitans had sent Oil and various