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losing their lives, as he did not think that the ship
would go to pieces, as she stood firm upon the rocks
when the tide was out - I wished to know why
the women & children remained on board. He
said it had not been determined what they would
do or where land was yet, and they wished to
wait until the gale abated. We were much
relieved by the information Mr Hall gave us - As
it was now dark, the sea rough and the wind
high we could not leave the Island and therefore
took up our lodging in our little hut - The
natives kindly gave us a few potatoes and
a little fish, the best they had to bestow. My pleas-
ing prospect of returning to Port Jackson
was now at an end for sometime at least - A
great change had been made in my views
and feelings from what they were on
Sunday morning - The scene was then ^{apparently} bright
and clear, but now a thick cloud of darkness
rested upon all around me. I was exceedingly
concerned for the loss of so fine a ship
on many accounts, as individuals who are
interested in her must suffer, as well as the
passengers on board and perhaps more than they.
An hour before this melancholy accident
happened, the object of my visit to Zealand
appeared to be accomplished - all the
European 16 in number with 12 natives
were embarked - We had parted with the
Principal Chiefs in every part of the Bay
of Islands with mutual satisfaction, and
with every prospect of success to the