

1623 Sep 20 had made this offering - I mentioned to him the former state of the Otchewitans, and what they did now, and I hoped New Zealand would do the same. 81

Sep 21 21 Sept This morning I enquired what was done with the Body of the Young Woman that was sacrificed the preceding day, and was informed that it had been dropped and eat by the Natives of Bycotts, tho' I had told me he had given directions that it should be buried - Previous to retiring to rest last evening I heard the Natives dancing and singing near the spot where the Young Woman was killed - I have no doubt, but they were then preparing to eat the sacrifice - Honour horrid and revolting this custom is to the Christians mind and nothing can be more so, yet the N Zealanders feel himself as much bound by his superstitions to kill and eat human sacrifices, as the Christian does to offer up his sacrifices of prayer and praises to the true God - These bloody rites will never be laid aside by the Natives until the fetters of their Superstition are broken by the sword of the Spirit - Nothing short of the power of the divine word can effectually remedy these dreadful customs - While we sung the 92 psalm last evening I could not but contrast the situation of the N Zealanders with our own - we are made of the same blood, have one common father and yet what an infinite distance between the believing soul and the poor ignorant heathens both as it respects this world, and that which is to come - the joys of the one are pure, heavenly divine, and of the others, barbarous sensual, & devilish - The one has a hope full of immortality, the other is without hope, and without God - Monday 22. As there had