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Monday 29 - This morning we observed some large War Canoes across the harbour, and in a little time afterwards I was informed that Shungee had returned from his Expedition - I was very glad to hear this news, as it was apprehended he would have been exceedingly angry if he had on his return found Mr Kendall gone. I am in hopes I shall be able to convince him of the necessity of Mr Kendall's removal, and also to make some arrangements with him for the good of the mission - His mind was very much prejudiced against me on his return from England in consequence of my opposition to the Missionary supplying the natives with muskets and powder - He had also been told that I had written home against him, which made him very angry - He has been expecting Mr Clarke for some time to make him guns - I have retained Mr Clarke in N S Wales until I have a full explanation with Shungee relative to Mr Clarke's employment should he come to New Zealand - If Shungee is determined that he shall work as a gun smith Mr Clarke must not come, if he will allow him to come as a Missionary he may then venture - It is much to be lamented that Shungee is so fond of War, and that from his fire-arms he is so powerful, that no tribe in the Island can withstand his force - Great slaughter has been made in this expedition, of the inhabitants to the southward - Shungee has been absent about 8 Months fighting on the east side & in the interior - Another party connected with Shungee was carrying on War at the same time on the West side, at a place called