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day at Ranghe Ho - both morning ~~and~~ ^{and}
 evening - It gives me much pleasure
 to see a School at length begun - the children
 are capable of learning any thing that we
 wish to teach them - It is much to be lamented
 that they have been so long neglected - It is
 most distressing to think of the evils which
 have existed amongst the Europeans, which
 have impeded all improvement amongst
 the Natives -

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13 - Early this morning
 Bycotto brought me the Boy his wife had
 made me a present of on Saturday evening
 I found on enquiry that his father had
 been killed in Battle a considerable
 distance to the Southward of the River
 Thames and he was made a prisoner of
 War, that he had been taken prisoner a
 second time and brought to the Bay of
 Islands - I intend to take him with me to the Colony
 and give him some useful instruction so that he may
 be of advantage to his Country at some distant period
 should Providence open the way - Had much
 conversation with Wawepok on the state of Zealand
 He is a chief of very considerable influence, and considered
 one of the bravest Warriors in Zealand, he wishes
 for peace, and requested me to speak to Shungee on
 the subject - If Shungee would give up fighting
 most of the Chiefs in the Bay of Islands appear anx-
 ious to attend to their cultivation, and to their fami-
 lies - Their minds are gradually enlarging, only
 they want an object something of importance to excite
 their active abilities with - I have recommended
 to several of them to turn their attention to the

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