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This morning I returned to Middlefield with Mrs. Gump who had been on a visit to Mr. Williams. I wished to have some further conversation with Shungee relative to the state of New Zealand. On my arrival I learned he was gone to Wymattee, to superintend the planting of his sweet potatoes. I had a long conversation with Pua the next in command to Shungee. He had heard that his Brother had been killed in Battle and another Chief to the southward - and that if the information was correct, he must go and revenge his death immediately. I pointed out to him the calamities of War, and how much better it would be for them to cultivate the arts of Peace. He replied his heart was so big when he thought of his Brother, that he could not keep it down and satisfaction he must have before he could rest.

Oct 15

Pua called upon me this morning and we renewed our conversation upon the distressed state of New Zealand on account of their internal Wars. I told him that the Chiefs had better make Shungee King and then there might be some prospect of Peace. He replied the Chiefs of New Zealand would never consent to do that, because they would think this would degrade them to have any superior. I told him this would not affect their estates, or their liberty, as Shungee if he was appointed King could not take their lands from them any more than King George could take the lands from the Gentlemen in England. He replied they