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is now sitting by me; I told him I have mentioned his name; he begs me to say in writing that he will never injure any of the Europeans more - He has frequently expressed his sorrow for the event - God no doubt had some wise end to answer in permitting such an awful calamity to happen - The N Zealanders had previously suffered much from our Countrymen - Justice in the common way could not overtake the guilty, the Natives could not bring the Murderer to punishment in any court of Justice, and therefore the Supreme Governor of the World let loose these ferocious Cannibals upon this crew, and they devoured them, and their bones now lie scattered upon the ground an awful monument of Divine vengeance -

I must now close this days proceedings, it has been full of anxiety and very unpleasant feelings.

I shall now lie down, weary and fatigued under the protection of him who keepeth Israel.

To-morrow is the Sabbath -

Nov 9

Sunday 9th - I preached to day at Mudda Mudda. The Revs Mr Butler, Leigh & White attended. It was rather a gloomy day in a spiritual sense, arising in a great measure from the recent circumstances that had occurred - Mr Brown was very low - he was sensible he had not acted correctly - It is a most painful duty to cut off one member from the body, especially a Minister of the Gospel to the Heathen - All human Institutions are imperfect, tho' under the direction of the wisest and best of Men; Moses was greatly disappointed in the Princes he selected to spy out the land of Canaan, only two of the twelve gave him satisfaction, the other 10 endeavoured to excite Rebellion, and Mutiny in the Congregation of Israel, and the only two