

point at the second wife having a son, that she
murdered her own Infant - and in a little time the
second wife died also - when he arrived this
day, and was informed of the above circumstances
he was much distressed, and wept greatly -
Infant murder is not uncommon in New Zealand,
particularly Maori - They are very fond of their
Children, and take great care of them - Kiva's
wife murdered her Child from mere resentment
to be revenged upon her Husband for taking
another wife - It is apprehended that Kiva
will offer a human sacrifice to relieve his
mind - Bushee went yesterday to the funeral of
a near relation, on those occasions it is common
for all the friends of the dead to cut themselves
when they weep and mourn - Bushee abstained
from this ceremony, and when he returned
he said he would never practise it again
and that if his wife was to die he would not
cut himself for her - He disapproved of this
barbarous custom - Bushee's mind is much
enlightened, and he laments much the state
of his Country - He expressed a wish that some
Soldiers might be sent to New Zealand
to put a stop to their wars - The light of
Civilization is gradually making its way
amongst the higher Classes, and in time
will produce a happy Effect upon them

General
Customs

Bushee's
State of
Mind

Letter 20th This morning I called upon Kiva - He expressed
interview with his Regret at the loss of the Ship; asked me
Kiva