

Teva has just called upon me full Dressed, and
presented me with two suits. he tells me
he has killed a young woman, but has intend
her to be buried and not eaten. There are two Charges
alleged against the Deceased - the one is, that
she had not paid proper attention to Tevas wife
during her Confinement - and the other is that
she had performed the funeral rites to her
mistress, and afterwards took the Provisions
which she eat with her own hands before
she was deaced from her ceremonial
uncleaness in consequence of having touched
a dead body - This last is considered as a
very great Crime against their God. For these
things it was necessary that she should be made
a sacrifice, as an atonement for the Dead, and as
a safety to the living - no Act of Persuasion,
no Rewards, no Promises can stop those bloody
piles - The Gospel alone can supply a remedy for
these dreadful Effects of Superstition & Tevas has
got fast hold of the Consciences of these poor Heathen
and leads them captive at his will - He makes them
believe, that if a Person serve himself with his own
hands with any kind of Provisions, when labouring
under any ceremonial uncleaness, he commits
the greatest Sin, and merits the wrath of the Deity.
and that to sacrifice the offering for so doing
is an acceptable Service - and an indispensable
one & Teva seemed easy in his mind when he
made this offering - I mentioned to him the
former State of the Otahiteans, and what they
did now, and I hoped New Zealand would be the same

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