

Distressing sight to see so fine a ship knocked to pieces upon the rocks - The Lord in the midst of judgment remembered mercy or we might have been buried in the great deep. The vessel could not have been lost upon a more secure place for the safety of our lives and Property than she was, and therefore we should be thankful to divine goodness who commands the stormy winds when they arise -

On my arrival at Pythea I found all the Europeans well, and comfortably lodged in their respective situations. The natives had behaved very kindly - Tho' their stores and other property had been much exposed no theft had been committed, they had not misped so much as a single nail. The Head Chief is a very excellent Character - he had tried with me at Parramatta, and his son afterwards died in my House, which attached him and his wife very much to my Family - He was his only Son, I had given him Permission to go with me to the Colony in order to remove his bones to their Family Sepulchre - The Rev. M. Williams is settled in a very beautiful as well as important situation, and has every prospect of being both useful, and happy in his work.

Security of the property

consequence with the knowledge on the ground

24. This morning I visited the Rev. J. Kendall, and conversed with him relative to his Grammar. I stated to him the difficulty I found in it, with respect to the Pronunciation of the Vowels, and that the missionaries met with the same difficulty in following his Rules - Mr. Kendall candidly admitted that the difficulty was so great, that he could not himself follow the System he had laid down - It appeared to me absurd to study Mr. Kendall's Theory, which he himself could not reduce to Practice, and conceived that if a Vocabulary of the N. Zealand Language was written, in which the Pronunciation of the vowels was retained according to the English, the difficulty would be removed.