

12. <sup>Prosp. John</sup> I preached to day at Shungseeboe both morning and evening. It gives me much pleasure to see a school at length begun - The children are capable of learning any thing that we wish to teach them - It is much to be lamented that they have been so long neglected - It is most distressing to think of the evils which have existed amongst the Europeans which have impeded all improvement amongst the natives -

13. <sup>Wigwago</sup> Early this morning wigwago brought me the news his wife had made me a present of an <sup>blank</sup> Sunday evening - I found on enquiring that his father had been killed in battle a considerable distance to the southward of the River Thames, and he was made a Prisoner of war at the time - That he had been taken Prisoner a second time, and brought to the Bay of Islands - I intend to take him with me to the colony, and give him some useful instruction so that he may be of advantage to his country at some distant period, should Providence open the way - I had much conversation with warreepook the <sup>Chief</sup> of the State of New Sealand - He is a Chief of very considerable Influence, and considered one of the bravest warriors in New Sealand - He wishes for Peace, and requested me to speak to Shungsee on the subject - If Shungsee would give up fighting most of the Chiefs in the Bay of Islands appear anxious to attend to their cultivation, and to their families - Their minds are gradually enlarging - only they want an object, some thing of importance to exercise their active Abilities with - I have recommended to several of them to turn their <sup>Prospect</sup> attention to the building of a vessel of about <sup>their</sup> 120 Tons, with which they could keep up