

1823 Nov 12

on a visit to Puffin - I had a long conversation with them relative to the affairs of the mission, and their own past conduct - I intended that Mr. King ought to have taken notice of the native sports to have made a plan of them for the benefit of his colleagues & their children - many complaints were made by the natives that we were to appear in our jackets & trousers - It also ought to have been mentioned that the natives had a little earthenware work - I got advice of our views. They have now begun to doubt whether they will not do their duty faithfully. They followed their own way too long, and despising all the orders that have been given to them by their superiors. I was so much vexed with Mr. King's observations, that I wrote to him in the impropriety of his conduct before I left New Zealand - when men once get wrong, it is very difficult to persuade them that they are so - pride, or ambition, or obstinacy, or some heaving sin opposes their return to the discharge of their duty.

Nov 13

The natives and the Dragoon as usual. I was glad to have the Chief behind that had embarked with me. The prohibition, as there was no room for them, sea nature would not leave the Dragoon - I told them there was no place for them - and therefore they could not go - They intreated to be allowed to lay upon Deck. If we would give them this indulgence they wished no more; which was granted we went to get out at this day.

Nov 14

At daylight we weighed anchor, and stood off to sea. A light breeze towards evening the breeze

North Cape

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we were opposite North Cape but gained little ground all the day -

Nov 16

We found ourselves nearly in the same situation we were last night, and tried all the day to weather the Cape but in vain towards evening it blew a strong gale we were compelled to bear away to the northward and

Nov 30

we met with generally very strong weather and a high sea.