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if he sh^d. swear at a tree, or a man, or woman or
at any thing, his father would punish them very
much. I asked him why New Zealand men did
not swear - he answered, because when they die
they would go to God, and he would send them to
the Devil who would tattoo them, and burn them.
The two years that Quaterma was with me I never
heard him swear, nor any one of his three comp-
-anions. The more I see of these people, the more I
am pleased with, and astonished at their moral
Ideas, and Characters. They appear like a superior
Race of men. was Christianity ever received
amongst them, New Zealand would be one
of the finest parts of the globe. As I have
already mentioned Agriculture will meet their
wants, and bind them constant Employment - and
probably tend more than any other natural
Cause to reconcile the different Tribes, and prevent
their wars - Growing no Grass, and nothing
but Potatoes, without manure, must impoverish
their lands - and compel them to trespass upon