

for the hootoo - (payments) - we took our repast and held our devotions in centre of the village and it was very pleasing to see with what attention they observed all our proceedings - we sat in a semi circle on one side of a fire & they on a semi circle on the other - and did not express any desire to possess anything they saw - with us. A Chief who accompanied us Tabbood one of their huts for the use of the white people - in which was deposited all our present use articles: no one was observed so much as to look into it -

While we were engaged in arranging our things - the natives were busy in building a rust house for me - forty foot long - eighteen wide - four apartments in it - We are in all eleven persons at this station - and daily expecting another - to join us - Mr Fairburn the Carpenter, his wife and three children - Mrs W. and our three children - & Mrs W. is expecting to be confined hourly - and a man sent by Mr Maissen - to assist at most necessary -

Mr Fairburn came down at the first to assist building Mr Butler's house - but who returned to the Colony - some months since - he now by Mr Maissen's appointment has accompanied us I believe some unfavourable representations were made to you respecting him - but from the observation I have been enabled to make - both of him and his wife - I consider them likely to be very useful - and that the representation not to have proceeded from the best of principles - he is a good workman - gaining - quiet - civil - obliging - active - zealous and not only of excellent morals - but I have every reason to hope under serious impressions - and by no means avaricious - The necessity of his being here is obvious - having none of the Missionaries with us - and Mr W. has declining any Carpenters work - beyond that at his own station - The buildings here will not occupy much time nor stand at great expense and after that - I think Mr F. would be most