

them both, as his slaves: one of them he took for his Wife, and the other for his servant. The servant died a natural death: at the time of her death, his Wife requested to have her Sister's head preserved, in order that she might relieve her mind by weeping over it; and it was kept for that purpose. Having never seen, when last at New Zealand, any thing like the Ark on which the head was placed, I wished to know the origin and use of it.

Mr. Rendall and Werric informed me, that, nearly two years ago, the caterpillars made great ravages among the growing crops of sweet potatoes. The Natives conceived, ^{that} this public calamity came upon them by the anger of their God. The inhabitants of Ranghewoo, sent to Cawa Cowa for a great Priest, in order that he might, by his prayers and ceremonies, avert from them this heavy judgment. The Priest