

salvation of the natives whom she loves and by whom she is greatly beloved. I think they must be a very happy couple.

Tuesday, March 29th. Before dinner Mr. Cotton and myself went to see the encampment of Natives at Kerikeri for the *Hakari*. As we passed the huts which were filled with natives employed in various ways we were saluted with "*Tenei ra ko korua.*" We were surprised to observe their cleanly appearance. Towards the extremity of the encampment we had an opportunity of shaking hands with King George, the native who left England in the ship "*Boyd*" the history of wh: is known to everybody. It is supposed that he was not the cause of that horrid massacre. I see no foundation for such a supposition, except that the cook of the "*Boyd*" was not justified in palming his fault upon another person, and that this lie may therefore be considered as the means of the destruction of our countrymen. As we came back through the encampment, we heard four or five chiefs conversing about the missionaries, saying that they always meddled with everything wh. they (the natives) did. This was not spoken in terms of disapprobation but of approval. They know that they have every reason to thank the missionary for their care over them.

Wed. March 30th. About five min. before we reached Mr. Kemp's the yelling of natives at the *Hakari* saluted our ears. We took down our sail and plied our oars for speed and in a short time I was witnessing their war dance. I can never forget the sight as long as I live.

At the commencement of the day they had filled the stage wh: they have erected, with the presents, to be given away. The stage was formed of poles, varying in height. 3 rows containing 18 poles each were firmly set in the ground and strengthened by cross pieces, wh: assisted in supporting the different stories. The distance from one story to the other, was about 6 feet, the upright poles were about $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet apart. I should imagine there were nearly if not quite 2000 *ketes* of dried fish piled upon the stage, wh: moreover was decorated with coloured handkerchief, and various kinds of new clothing, acting as flags. The scene was now one of great animation. The place chosen for the feast was as usual between hills. At the time of my arrival, the party giving the feast were commencing their dancing, whilst the other party were stationed on the opposite hill in some degree of regularity with guns, spears, and various weapons, ready to rush down to the stage as soon as the other party had concluded their ceremony. (What an extraordinary difference as well as advantage there is