

this sorry tale," added Williams. "A more appropriate appellation would be Mount Hell!"

Not the least interesting portion of the manuscript is that relating to James Busby, the ex-British Resident, and his wife. In uniform, the American Consul went across to Waitangi to partake of the Busbys' hospitality:

"Mr. Busby has displayed great taste about those parts of the ground he has improved. Doubtless, Mrs. Busby must share in this credit . . . this most excellent lady is secluded from all society—I might almost say from the world, and oh! what deprivations this graceful lady must have undergone in bygone days! . . . "

The former he called "a worthy and urbane gentleman," and Mrs. Busby "this most excellent lady." With the latter he ranked Mrs. James Clendon and one or two other women, and he thanked God for their presence at the Bay. But Queen Victoria, he declared, gave little thought to the plight of her sex in such a quarter of the world, nor to their sufferings, particularly when child-bearing.

Though Williams is certainly discursive, and obviously biassed, there is much in his account that is valuable. He was an intelligent observer, particularly in his approach to the Maoris, even discerning a difference in dialects among the tribes; however, he believed the American Indians to be the superior people. While one cannot agree with all that he has written, it is certainly interesting to see our forbears through American spectacles.

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AMONG LORD FREYBERG'S LAST DUTIES AS GOVERNOR-General was to present to the Government on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen a copy of Captain Cook's Journal of the *Resolution*. The presentation was made at the