

4. In the south-east part of Australia is the **BOTANY BAY COLONY** founded in 1787: to this place many thousand criminals have been transported from Great Britain. The bulk of the population is, however, formed of free settlers: to these the convicts are apportioned as labourers during the period for which they were sentenced.

5. The Colony extends along the coast about 300 miles: it is divided into counties, and contains several towns. The country is better adapted for grazing than tillage; sheep are abundant, and their wool forms a large part of the exports: wheat, Indian corn, and potatoes, are the principal products. Sydney, the capital, has a good harbour, with considerable commerce.

6. In West Australia is the **SWAN RIVER COLONY**; in which no great improvement has yet taken place. South Australia and Port Philip district, in the south, are flourishing colonies. Adelaide is the chief town of the first named, and Melbourne of the last.

7. **VAN DIEMEN'S LAND**, or **TASMANIA**, settled in 1804, is nearly equal in size to South Carolina. The climate of this island is cooler, but the productions are nearly the same as in the other colonies. About one-third of the population are convicts. Hobarton is the capital.

8. **NEW ZEALAND** comprises two large and one small island. The area of the whole somewhat exceeds that of the State of Virginia. The soil is fertile, and produces Indian-corn, wheat, yams, potatoes, and a species of strong and serviceable flax.

9. The natives are a well-formed race, varying in complexion from a chesnut colour to a dingy white. They were, until recently, very warlike and ferocious, and were all cannibals. Tattooing was general, and the faces of the chiefs were almost entirely covered over with figures of various kinds. The New Zealanders make good sailors, and many of them now serve on board merchantmen in that capacity.



New Zealand Chief.

10. In the northern island the exertions of the missionaries have produced an important change: 35,000 of the population now profess the gospel, 15,000 are in the schools, and there are 300 native preachers. New Zealand is annexed to the British empire. The towns of Auckland, Wellington, and New Plymouth, all on the northern island, have been founded by British colonists: the first named is the capital.

11. **PAPUA**, or **NEW GUINEA**, is believed to be one of the most fertile countries in the world, but the interior has never been explored. **LOUISIADÉ**, **NEW BRITAIN**, **NEW IRELAND**, **SOLOMON'S ARCHIPELAGO**, the **NEW HEBRIDES**, and **NEW CALEDONIA**, occupy the N. E. part of Australasia,

Bay Colony. 5. What is said of it? Country, &c.? 6. Swan River Colony? South Australia? 7. Van Diemen's Land? 8. New Zealand? 9. What is said of tattooing? 10. Of Papua, &c.? Louisiade, &c.?