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THE kind permission which I have obtained, of dedicating this small work to you, makes me regret that, under such distinguished patronage, I have not been able to offer something more worthy of your perusal; but having been employed in New Zealand during the late disturbances there, I was induced on my return to endeavour to give such authentic information as I was able to gain during the time I was serving on that station, as well as

to submit my own reminiscences of the late proceedings against the rebel natives; no one else having written on this subject. Trusting that you will make allowances for the narration of events which occurred in my midshipman's days,

I have the honour to subscribe myself,

With the greatest respect,

Your humble servant,

H. F. McKILLOP, Lawr. R.N.

LONDON, JULY 20, 1849.

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Before entering on the subject which was the all-important one on my arrival in New Zealand in H.M.S. Calliope, in 1845—namely, the native rebellion, or the war between the intruders and excluders—I will endeavour, from the most authentic information, to give a slight sketch of the commencement and gradual growth of the ill-feeling, and the consequent calamitous events which have so unfor-