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Active would bring to Port Jackson, would make a
return of £1000 of annum, and probably more. She might
clear her own expenses. after I have visited New Zealand
and examined its natural productions. I shall be a better
Judge, however the object is of infinite importance. The
whole Inhabitants of that great and populous Island,
are literally sitting in darkness, and in the Region, and
Shadow of Death; Should the natives of this Island thro
the blessing of God be subdued by the sword of the Spirit
to the Obedience of Faith, all the Neighbouring Islands will
be likely to fall under the same Almighty influence, as they
are inhabited by a race of Men, who speak the same or a
similar language. New Zealand must be always con-
sidered, as the great Emporium of the South Seas, from its
local situation, its safe Harbours, its navigable Rivers, its
fine Timber for ship building, its Native Flax &c, &c,
Specimens of which. I intend sending to the Society by this
Conveyance. I trust the Society will not be discouraged or
dismayed by the weighty expenses that will necessarily, and
unavoidably attend the first Establishment of the Mission.

I have no doubt but the great Head of the Church
will provide, "as the Gold and Silver are his, and the
Cattle upon a Thousand Hills; I shall feel it my duty, as
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