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Newstead's Master, last night, I had to the
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We have maturely considered the Plan of establishing a small Colony at New Zealand as suggested by the Revd Andrew Cheaps; and have little doubt but it would answer provided suitable Persons could be met with who would act in unity, and conduct themselves with Propriety. All who are conversant with mankind know that this can hardly be expected in a Body of People who are remote from all legal Restraint, and left so much at Liberty to act and think for themselves. There are a thousand Motives in a regular civil Government that operate upon Men's minds and induce them to live in Subordination and good Friendship, which exist not in uncivilized Nations. To introduce the Arts of Civilization at New Zealand by the Establishment of a small Colony is a very desirable Object, and we think there would be little difficulty in doing this as far as the New Zealanders would be concerned since they are so anxious for Europeans to reside amongst them. The danger would be from the want of Subordination amongst the Colonists when all are placed in new Situations and do not meet with all those Comforts and Conveniences which they expected they generally become discontented, fretful and ungovernable. This has been the Case repeatedly in the Society Islands amongst the Missionaries there, and by which a very heavy Expence has several times been brought upon the Society. We are of opinion that this evil, in the nature of things cannot by any human Wisdom be avoided, and therefore ought to be taken into estimate, when a Colony is formed. The Vicinity of this Country to New Zealand would no doubt greatly facilitate the Establishment of such a Colony. As many of the disaffected, or disappointed might at a small