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Small Expences be removed to New South Wales, and relieve both themselves and the Colony at New Zealand. Horses and Horned cattle &c might easily be transported from hence to New Zealand and here they are now becoming very cheap. The Colonists might soon have all the common necessaries of life within themselves. They would have a good Soil, a fine Climate, a well Watered Country, plenty of Timber, and would command what Laborers they might require at a small expence from the Inhabitants, to carry on all their various operations of Agriculture &c - With respect to the Plan of the Vessel which Mr Andrew Cheaps also recommends, we think this could hardly fail of Success and would greatly aid the exertions of your Society, towards the civilization of the New Zealanders. Those who employ their Money to such a benevolent Purpose, might upon fair Grounds expect to reap some advantage in a commercial view. We have consulted some of the most intelligent Merchants in this Colony - who think such a Plan would answer well. The Vessel would no doubt be able to get a Freight out, either from Government or private Merchants who trade to this Colony, if the owners should not send out a Cargo themselves, but in case they should do this, we enclose a list of such Articles as are most in demand here, and which would sell in general. - The Vessel might return to England with a Cargo of Wool, and Oil from this Country and New Zealand. On the Plan of a Vessel the Active Brig might then be profitably employed, making the Bay of Islands her regular Station; During all the fishing season she might be procuring Oil for England. We have sent you a Letter upon this Subject from the present Master of the Active, a very respectable married man. - If Mr Cheaps Plan was adopted, many of the New Zealanders would be employed in the Vessels which would bring them forward very fast -