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Mr Kendall with some.

The Committee beg your acceptance of a bound copy of the Society's proceedings in 3 vol. and also a copy of a most interesting work, drawn up by Doctor Buchanan at the request of the Com^{rs}. Copies of the same are sent by Mr. Kendall for her excellency the Governor, accompanied by a letter from Lord Gambier as president of our Society.

Mr. Hale and John King have expressed some uneasiness at being kept so constantly at manual labour that they have no leisure to learn the New Zealand Language &c. I have written to them fully by this conveyance, reminding them that we expected them to support themselves by their labour, till it should please God to open a way for them to NZ; and expecting that, by due parsimony of their time, they might obtain leisure for some acquisition of the Language. What may be their circumstances when you receive this we cannot tell; but if little or no change should have taken place, and there should be a pretty near prospect for their departure for NZ, the Committee will thank you to grant them, so far as it may seem prudent a little leisure at the Society's cost, for the purposes for which they wish it.

We have waited anxiously for the arrival of the Frederick. She did at length arrive, but without her Captain. He was killed in ^{an} engagement, in which the Frederick was taken. She was recaptured however and arrived in England. We learnt that Duatterra had been landed from her at NZ, a fact which, we suppose you have known long since.

Our committee have had frequent deliberations on the subject of maintaining a vessel to navigate our own Seas, on the plan proposed by you. The result is that it is a general conviction among us, that the Society, as a body, cannot engage as owners, in such a vessel. But I am directed to enquire of you,