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Dear Friends

Secretary to Messrs. W. Hall & John King

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It is a long time since we heard from you, or concerning you. Your last letter which has reached us was dated Nov 2/11. This letter of yours was read at a Meeting of the Committee Aug^y 1812. The Committee were much pleased to find your zeal for the work in which you were engaged continue unabated. But you express considerable uneasiness that your time was wholly taken up in maintaining yourselves; and think that you were not passing it to good purpose, because you were not engaged more directly in the great work to which you had devoted yourselves.

But, my dear friends, your own statement has shewn to the Committee, that you do not fully enter into those views with which you left England. It was impossible for us here to tell how you could be circumstanced when you arrived in N. S. Wales, and what would be the openings or the difficulties with respect to an attempt of settling in New Zealand. You went out as we confidently trusted; and, certainly, we sent you; to follow the leadings of our Heavenly Master. If circumstances would allow of your going to N. Zealand, you were to go in the name of the Lord; if not, you were to stay in N. S. Wales; and till an opening did present itself for your settling in N. Zealand, you were to follow your respective occupations in N. S. Wales for your own benefit, and to support yourselves by your labour, Mr. Marsden, on behalf of the Society, rendering to you any aid which was absolutely requisite. If in England you must have laboured for your support; and having transferred yourselves to N. S. Wales under the protection of the Society, you were to labour there with the