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same view till Divine Providence should call you to the place of your ultimate destination. If it should please God to keep you for one, or two, or three, or four years, waiting for such a call, it would be a trial no doubt, of your faith, and patience; but we looked up to God for grace to grant you such support as you might need. In the mean time, we trusted that you would eagerly and diligently embrace every opportunity of cultivating familiarity with such New Zealanders as might fall in your way: and would take all possible advantages which conversing with them might afford of acquiring some knowledge of the language.

I have thought it best to recapitulate thus the views with which the Society sent you from your native country, because you seem to have felt a little impatience in your situation. I am charged by the Committee to assure you of their kindness and regards; and at the same time, to tell you, that, in the judgment of the Committee, you could not have been better occupied than you have been, under all the circumstances ⁱⁿ which you please God to place you. We could not foresee the obstacles which arose to your proceeding to N. Zealand. We could not remove those obstacles: and if all they should be removed, it was your duty to wait, and ours to acquiesce in this dispensation.

Now, my good friends, I do not say all this to cast blame on you; or to discourage you with an idea that the Committee do not feel for your situation: but to remind you of the real views which we entertained in sending you, and which we wished you to entertain in going. We know, and are sorry to learn from yourselves, and by other quarters, that you have felt some dissatisfaction that Mr Marsden has kept you at constant work: but, you see that in so doing, he fulfilled the wishes and intentions of the Society for we certainly thought, that, by ~~seizing~~ ^{seizing}