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Rev. J. Marsden to J. Poynder, Esq.

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Extract of Letter from Rev. Samuel Marsden to
J. Poynder, Esq. Dated Parramatta June 25th 1813.

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Mr. S. This I trust in a short time will open a large field for
Missionary exertions. Nothing can be done effectually without
a vessel to keep up a regular communication with the
Island. This difficulty I hope to overcome in time. I am
very sorry that I did not form some plan in England when
I was there with a few pious friends, to send out a vessel for the
purpose. Time will open the way and all we can do is to wait
patiently and watch the first opportunity to do good. We are
improving in our Society here - The Inhabitants are becoming
more and more orderly, and moral, and as the young men
and women grow up, they are not so corrupted as their Parents.
We may expect a better generation than those sent from Europe.
Some of these become pious, and remember their God in this
land of their captivity. From the Children born of European
Parents I expect Missionaries will be raised up for the Instruction
of the natives in the South Sea Islands. They will not feel those
difficulties that Persons in England generally do to engage in
their work - They will be near their friends and native land,
which has a natural tendency to reconcile the human mind
to bear more hardships than at a great distance from both.