

We
 have received undoubted testimony that
 some vessels trading among the South Sea
 Islands for the sole purpose of gain had
 excited one Party of Natives to destroy
 another, when this would promote the
 Interest of their Voyages. This practice
 is fraught with more ill consequences to
 the Natives than any other act of
 Iniquity as it lays the foundation for
 Civil Wars amongst the Islanders
 when the vessels are gone from them &
 also endangers the lives of other
 unsuspecting Navigators who in future
 visit these Islands, and must totally
 preclude all ^{safe} commercial intercourse
 between them and other parts of the
 World.

Sworn before me the
 12th Day of Nov^r 1813
 Samuel Marsden
 J. P.

James Elder