

It cannot be supposed for a moment that I should give  
you any wrong Directions or wrong advice knowingly.  
The temporal and eternal welfare of the Inhabitants of  
New Zealand hath been the warmest wish of my  
Heart for years before I saw you; and still continues to be.  
my high Respect for the Society under whose Patronage  
I have the honor to act, my own public Reputation in  
this Colony and elsewhere, and my sincere Concern for  
the Inhabitants of New Zealand, are motives sufficiently  
strong to induce me to act with the greatest Caution  
in every Step I take in this important work. I have a  
growing Conviction that God will in mercy visit these  
poor Heathens who are literally without Hope at present.  
Tho' I am sorry to say that I scarcely recollect a single  
instance where you have followed my advice, or paid the  
smallest Attention to my Opinion or Directions in matters  
relative to the mission, but invariably acted as if there  
existed no public Relation between you and me; yet I  
am unwilling that you should relinquish the work to  
which you were destined. I therefore once more in the  
name and on the behalf of the Society request that you  
will no longer halt between two Opinions, but will either  
promise to devote yourself to the work, whenever I may