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Bills are not so high in price, owing I believe to the supplies sent out from the British and Foreign Bible Society. People in general wish to pay something for Books. I cannot obtain anything worth notice from the Printer here. When I want Tracts &c. I must send for them from England.

The natives of this Country are miserably lost and there is no apparent prospect of their recovery, yet they are our fellow creatures and are to be pitied and prayed for. I hope some attempt will be made before long to instruct their children.

On Monday Dec. 20th I had the honor to witness the formation of the first Benevolent Society in this Colony under the Patronage of Governor Macquarie. It is instituted for the purpose of protecting the inhabitants of the South Sea Islands & promoting their civilization. Mr Marsden will furnish the Society with the particulars, upwards of two Hundred pounds have been subscribed already.

I have not drawn upon you for any money since I left England, but shall now have occasion to do so.