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Mr. Justice Sydney Cove Mr. William Hall
New South Wales (Ans. Dec. 16/14, by the Author)

Dear Sir I have long waited with anxiety for an opportunity of answering the designs and intentions of the Society - as well as in some measure for discharging my duty - and now I hope a way is opened for visiting the Hebrides - The Rev. Mr. Marden has come to a determination at last to purchase a vessel for the purpose of visiting the Islands - and Mr. Herdall and myself are embarked for New Zealand and in expectation of sailing tomorrow if nothing prevent - We have left our Families at Port Jackson untill we return - which we expect will be four or five months - We shall endeavour as much as possible through Gods assistance to conciliate the affections of the Natives by using them well and making them to understand our intention in the first place we shall put ourselves under the protection of some of the Chiefs and endeavour as much as possible to obtain what protection we may expect for our Families, and confidence we can place in them in respect to our settling there - We intend through Gods assistance to treat them well and set them a good example and likewise to the Societys instructions as much as possible - Mr. Marden has given us a little property with us that we may have some trade with them in procuring some of their Potatoes - and Fish and Timber and Flax and such like articles as may be thought to contribute towards the defraying the expenses of the Voyage - John King is not going this time, Mr. Marden did not think him immediately useful as we were only going to take a view of the places