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to give a Proclamation for the Protection of the  
natives of the South Sea Islands; and to require all  
masters of Vessels, who clear out of this Port, to enter into  
a Bond, that they will not commit any of those acts  
of Fraud and Violence, upon the natives. In this Cause  
I obtained the utmost of my wishes. My next Step  
was to try if I could not get a Society formed for the  
Protection of the natives of the South Sea Islands  
who may come to Port Jackson. In this I also  
succeeded far better than I expected. I have no doubt  
but this Society will greatly aid the missions to  
New Zealand, and to the other Islands. I consider this  
Society of vast importance to the common Cause.  
For the governing of this Society, as well as for constituting  
it, I copied your Rules, as near, as I could, which were  
approved. — And I shall transmit to you the Proceedings,  
as far as we have gone. The Society will see  
from all these Circumstances that Divine Goodness  
is preparing a way for these poor Heathens to  
receive the glad Tidings of the Gospel. —