

Rev. Samuel Marsden, to the Secretary <sup>30</sup>

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Rev. Sir

I was honoured with your letter by Mr. Kendall, who arrived here in the Earl Spencer; which communicated to me the opinion of the Society relative to a vessel for navigating these seas. I am fully convinced that little can be done in these Islands of the South Sea without a vessel; and that the owners of that vessel must, whether they are a public body, or private individuals, feel a lively interest for the welfare of the Heathen, and a sincere desire to promote the glory of God. The arrival of Mr. Kendall, and the communication contained in your letter determined me to embrace the first opportunity, either to freight a vessel, or to purchase one so that I might have her under my own direction. my first object was to freight a vessel if I could get one upon moderate terms. I made several offers but could not succeed. I could have hired one of about 100 tons