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for £100 per month upon Convention that I victualled her, and paid the Ship's Company, the expense of which would be about £120 more per month. Could I have got this Vessel for two months for Messrs Hall & Kendall to have visited New Zealand I should have taken her up; but the owner w^o not let me have her for less than six months certain. This would have been too heavy a sum, and I declined the offer. A few days after a Brig from India, called the Active, was offered to me for sale. She is about 110 Tons - Very good Accommodation and a strong good Vessel - I purchased this Brig for £1100 Sterling. fitted her out immediately & she sailed yesterday for New Zealand with Messrs Kendall & Hall. The Expense of fitting her out was about £500 more. The first Cost and outfit near £1900 Sterling. About £1200 of this sum I can command from my own private Property. I may be compelled to draw upon the Society for £700. trusting that the Society, or private