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notwithstanding his years and supplications away
from his Country and Friends, after he had been
absent so many years, and landed naked and
friendless at Norfolk Island, and afterwards brought
back again to me. Few Masters of vessels can be
trusted, when once they lose sight of Land. Their
Tyranny and Avarice is incredible. I pledged myself
to Quatana, that I would send a vessel to the Bay of
Blanco, and that the Master and Crew should be
instructed to treat them with more Justice and
Humanity - New Zealand is one of the finest fields
for missionary labors - The Inhabitants are numerous,
their Climate and Soil is good, and they near to
Port Jackson - Numbers of British Subjects have
been cut off at New Zealand in consequence of
their Cruelty to the natives - The Establishment
of a mission there will tend to the security of
the South Sea whalers, who put into the Island
for refreshments. This is an object of some
importance - It is my intention to keep up a
regular communication with the missionaries