

Tho' the tender mercy of Divine Providence I and my family have been conducted in safety from England to New South Wales. We experienced no hot weather during our passage and excepting a day or two when we passed the Cape of Good Hope, no stormy weather. For several weeks together the Earl Spencer sailed with the wind chiefly upon her quarter a distance of twenty four Degrees weekly. We sailed alone from the line having lost sight of the Fleet in foggy weather. On Board of ship my family was as comfortable as circumstances would admit. Captain Mitchell made us many presents of fresh provisions for our table and I assisted him in writing the Passers Accounts for which service I received from him a gratuity. He deserves my best thanks.

The Earl Spencer arrived in the Port of Sydney on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1813 and as soon as Mr. Marsden had received my note, he paid me and my family a visit and gave us a hearty welcome. The first subject of our conversation was New Zealand; and he expressed his regret that the attempt to carry the glorious tidings of the Gospel thither had been hitherto delayed. I shall forbear to repeat the causes of this delay as stated to me by Mr. Marsden and contradicted by Messrs. Hall and King. An untried man myself it would ill become me to censure the conduct of others before I appear in the field of action. The Society will be glad to hear that I found the settlers ready to embark with me when a fair opportunity should offer. Mr. King is poor, has a wife and one child, and will require some pecuniary aid before he leaves the colony for New Zealand. Mr. Hall has in temporal matters been this