

at the Expence of the Society. I have assisted Mr Marsden by drawing upon
 Mr Revd W Wood for One hundred pounds and upon you for One hundred
 and twenty pounds for which sums I have left Mr Marsden promissory
 note with Mrs Kendall. The One hundred and twenty pounds will cover
 my Salary from the time of my disembarkation upto the 31st day of Dec. next
 and I hope my drafts upon you will be duly honored. The Active with
 the Expence of fitting her out will cost about Two Thousand Pounds. Mr
 Marsden entertains the Idea that by means of commerce he shall clear
 the expences of navigating the Vessel. I trust that this will be the case; for
 I should be very sorry that he should be a loss, or, in case he should call
 upon the Society, a large sum should on our account be drawn from
 its funds. Should a fair prospect open for us at New Zealand and the Society
 or individual members of it agree to purchase a Vessel, a smaller than
 the Active would suit our purpose better, she sails badly and will not
 make any progress upon the Wind. The Vessel should be built in England where materials
 are good, and Shipwrights possessing good abilities can be found.

I contemplate with pleasure that some attention will be paid before
 long by the Religious World to the Prophecy of Isaiah quoted by our
 worthy friend Dr Buchanan in a Sermon which he preached before
 our Society. I find he is not alone in substituting "O the land" for
 "Woe to the land" having seen the same lately in some Ancient MS. Notebooks
 on the Bible (Poole). Our friend Mr Scott has not noticed this in
 his work Isaiah Chap but he says on the 8th & 9th verses of the 60th Chapter