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from my own observation. In the mean time I am fully convinced in my own mind that when the documents which Mr Marsden has in his possession shall be made public in England, the character of the South Sea Islanders will appear in a better light, and that with respect to the Natives of New Zealand (considering their situation as heathens) their good opinions and good offices may be obtained by persons visiting them who treat them with common civility and common honesty. The way is therefore plain before us. I pray that God may give to me and the other settlers faith to rely upon his gracious promises, and excite in our hearts by his Holy Spirit a tender compassion for the souls of our benighted fellow creatures, so that God our Saviour may be glorified in the work to which we have been appointed by the Society, and that the prayers and offerings of the Society as far as they respect us, may not on account of our remissness fall fruitless to the ground.

April 16 - The Active is now at Ancher near Hobart Town. We have been tossed about very much on this passage and I have not enjoyed my health so well, as I did on board the Earl Spencer. Indeed I am fearful that upon the whole, the change of climate and change of provision, has proved rather injurious to my constitution. but I bless God, he deals with me most mercifully, and I cannot but bear to own that I feel a secret delight in being sent out under the protection of the Church Missionary Society. The consideration also that the prayers of the faithful, amongst whom I with heartfelt