

are now with us. I think Sarah must be from 70 to 80 years
of age. It is my intention to take six children to Port Jackson
and Sarah tells us that he will also go to see Mr. Hudson
I do not think from the behaviour of the natives that they
would require any Europeans provided they were treated
with common civility and common honesty. But our
sailors have cheated and defrauded them so much that
we must be some time in convincing them that it is not
our intention to tread in the steps of our Countrymen.
We have often 70 or 80 natives along side. They show
no signs of hostility at present and come without their arms.
They are very fond of gulling axes about 4 lbs in weight
I expect there is a parcel of letters from me on board the
James O'Keefe which is directed to your care I have also
left another parcel to be sent from the Derwent.
I shall be glad if you will send me a pocket compass
a silver watch which will keep the time well, a little
paper & Japan Ink, and a few medicinal comforts. Mr. Hall
Mr. King and myself keep our temporal matters separate
any thing which you have purchased for their use I
cannot ask them for and each man acts according
to his own ideas. This being the case I hope you will
always distinctly state in your letters when you do
send any thing from the Society to which person it is