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here for the conducting of the business. The active members  
of both Societies have been so much engaged for a  
few months in attending to their respective concerns,  
that this has, in some measure, retarded unclusive  
steps on the subject. But I still conceive, as I  
suggested in my last, that, if you establish in  
connection with us an efficient auxiliary Society,  
we shall be able to maintain a vessel suited to the  
purpose of keeping up constant intercourse between  
New Zealand and New South Wales - and those  
Islands will afford sufficient scope for all  
our exertions for many years to come. From  
Mr Latrobe we have procured an interesting  
detail of the circumstances which led to the  
establishment of their Society's ship on its present  
footing. While it belonged to a body of Share  
holders, which it did for many years, it was  
unprosperous; but, when it became the property  
of the Society, and was wholly occupied in its  
direct business, it not only discharged its own  
expences, but sometimes contributed to defray  
those of the Mission. In truth, if we are to  
do any thing extensive and effectual at New Zealand,  
we must maintain a regular intercourse between  
you and the inhabitants; and it appears to me  
that the auxiliary Society which we propose to you  
to establish, might be able so to conduct this affair  
that the vessel would soon be no expence to our  
Mission, but an advantage to it - always keeping  
within the moderate bounds which the object of its