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I am happy to inform you that the Active Brig returned safe from New Zealand on the 21st of Aug^r after fully accomplishing the object of her voyage. my wish was to see a friendly intercourse between the natives of that Island and the missionaries, previous to their final settlement amongst them. The public prejudices have been very great, against these poor Heathens both here and in Europe. Their acts of violence and Cruelties have been published to the world, but the Causes that led to them have been kept back. Every act of Fraud, murder and oppression have been committed upon them, from time to time by the ~~European~~ Europeans. These natives had no means of redress for the injuries they suffered, but Retaliation. but as they were considered such monsters of Cruelty, I did not think it prudent, in a public Point of view, to send the missionaries wives and families over in the first instance, but to bring over some of the Chiefs to Port Jackson, and to establish a friendship

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with them. My old Friend Teaterua, with two other Chiefs
and some of their Relations are now at Par-ran-cotto, living
with me and Messrs Hall and Kendall. There are now
eleven natives of New Zealand here at present. I considered
that the Chiefs would learn more of civilized life, and the
comforts attached to it, in two months residence amongst
us, than they possibly could acquire in years in their
own Country, from the missionaries. Besides the Chiefs
and their Friends living with the missionaries at present,
would remove all apprehensions from the views of the
missionaries; as a most cordial intimacy and friendship will
now be formed amongst them. They will also see our mode
of Public, and Vanity worship, by which their views will be
greatly enlarged, and their minds opened to receive future Instru-
ction - Teaterua is a man of a very superior mind. he is fully
determined to improve his Country as far as his means and
Influence will extend. Tools of Agriculture are the only Articles
he wants, and seeds to crop his Ground. He assures me that
he will do all in his Power to prevent future wars amongst
his Countrymen, and turn their minds to cultivate the land.
no man could ever be worse treated than Teaterua has been
very often by Europeans: but he has the strongest attachment
to them, from the hope that thro' their means he may

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Deliver his Countrymen from their present low degraded Situation.
The missionaries and their Families are now under no fears
of Danger from them; but are very willing and anxious to
go to live amongst them. I have no Doubt but the Divine
Blessing will attend upon their labors. and that the Society
will have the Satisfaction of receiving good Accounts from
them hereafter - I should have gone with Messrs. Kendall and
Hall in the Adive, had the Governor given me his Permission -
but this be Decided - It is my present intention to accompany
them, when the Adive returns, and see them finally settled -
I think my going along with them, will give weight
and Importance to the missionaries amongst the Chiefs
and their People. I have obtained the Governor's Sanction
as His Excellency conceives my going now, will be attended
with some public Advantages - I have many important Duties
press hard upon me, both of a private and public nature, but
this I consider of more Importance than any other, and feel it
my Call to follow the openings of Providence - As few can
enter into my views, various are the Opinions of my Conduct -
I hope to erect the Standard of Christ's Kingdom there,
and to hear the sacred Trumpet sound the glad Tidings
of Salvation - I consider New Zealand as the great Emporium
of the South Sea Islands, inhabited by a numerous Race

of very intelligent men. From my own observation of
 the natives belonging to the different Islands in these seas
 excepting the natives of New Holland, I think they are
 originally the same People. Their Language being very
 similar - Should the Natives of New Zealand in time
 receive the Gospel all the other Islands may be expected
 to receive its Blessings also. In my Opinion a very fair
 Prospect is now opened, as ever was for any heathen nation
 and I trust that the Divine Goodness will in his gracious
 Providence order all things well. Great Objects are seldom
 obtained without great Sacrifices, and Difficulties. The civilization
 of the natives of New Zealand, and the Introduction of the
 Gospel amongst them is an important work of vast
 magnitude. I have no Doubt, but the work can be
 accomplished. and I firmly believe the time is now set
 Hand. when Nehemiah & the Jews began to build the
 walls of Jerusalem, "Sambalhet was wroth, and took great
 Indignation, and smothered him and the Jews." I have some Cause
 to say, that Sambalhet is risen from the Dead. but faith and
 Prayer will again build the walls of Jerusalem, even if we
 are obliged to hold the Trowel in one Hand, and the Sword in
 another - I am Sir your obed^t humble Serv^t
 Rev. G. Wrottt & Co
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