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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 ~~Cruel~~ 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