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Rev. S. Marsden to Secy.

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Panama matter Sept 22nd 1814

Dear Sir

Com. Mar. 13/15

(Recd. March 8/15 by the Seringapatam Whaler
and August 12/15, by the Ocean)

I beg leave to submit a few observations to the Merid consideration of the Society, relative to the Society or some Christian Friends in connection with them, procuring a vessel in New South Wales for the sole purpose of promoting the good of the Mission intended to be established in New Zealand. In the first place the comfort and safety of the Missionaries, will at least for some time ~~and~~ require a vessel to visit them, entirely under the direction of the Society's Agent, or some Christian Friends. Secondly, nothing would contribute so much to the civilization and improvement of the New Zealanders, in all useful knowledge, as a free and open communication with Port Jackson. Men from that port can form little idea of the comforts of civil life, these comforts are so far out of their reach, that when they are told of them, they can give no credit to the Metation,

Thirdly, the wanton acts of oppression, robberies, and murders committed upon the persons and properties of the natives of New Zealand; have completely destroyed all confidence in the Europeans. They manifest every wish to cultivate our friendships; but woeeful experience