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Rev. S. Marsden to Genl.

Rev. Sir

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I informed you in my last by Mr. Andrew that a Society had been formed in New South Wales for the Protection and Civilization of such natives of the South Sea Islands as might visit Port Jackson - one great object I had in view in wishing this Society to be formed was that I might in a political sense disarm many who are open Enemies to all true Religion, as far as respected the Establishment of the mission at New Zealand - If they became members of a Society for the Protection and Civilization of the natives of the South Sea Islands, they could not afterwards with any degree of propriety oppose that Establishment, admitting that they contributed nothing to its support. This Society was formed, but little more has since been done - I intend to call a meeting of the members of this Society in a few days -

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As it is my own Ad and Fee bringing the natives  
of New Zealand, to Port Jackson in the Active, I do  
not wish to call upon them to support them with  
any thing they may want while they remain here,  
but merely to see if they will present the Chiefs  
with £100 or 50 worth of Tools of Agriculture  
when they return to their own Country, or no -  
I think I shall stain this Donation, tho' I am prepared  
to meet with some opposition, from a certain powerful  
Quarter, which at present must be nameless - from a  
Person who is a great Enemy to the Gospel, and I think  
I may say of him in a certain sense, as St. Paul did  
of Herod the Copper Smith, he has done, or tried to do me  
much Harm. Should the meeting take place before  
Captain Rankin sails, I will tell you the result. However  
whether I gain this Point or not, it was a great Object  
to get the Society formed, as they cannot approve of any  
the Resolutions to which they have subscribed their  
names - In such a Society as I am placed in, where  
there are men of the first Abilities, either as Presiders

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or in public situations, it requires much prudence not  
to increase ones own difficulties, - unreasonable and  
wicked men are to be found every where, more or less,  
but in N. S. woods, are they not to be expected? our  
Government in its very nature, is one of the most  
arbitrary and despotic in the world. Men are generally  
disposed to exercise all the Authority that the Law invests  
them with to the utmost extent. and especially in a  
New Country where there are no established good  
customs to counteract the natural Pride, State, and Despotism  
of the human mind - you must always expect to hear  
both evil and good reports from this Country of those  
who are in Connection with the Society - but you  
will I have no doubt, make proper allowances for the  
Spirit of Enmity. I trust I shall always study to keep  
my Conscience void of offence towards God and man,  
and give the enemy no just cause to blaspheme -  
I wish to observe that my Communications to you  
must appear very irregular - but this I cannot avoid.  
I am compelled for want of time to catch at every

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I have moment to drop you a few hints, or make a few observations, I may repeat in one sheet what I have said in another - I trust from the whole you will be able to collect my views, and to make a clear statement to the Society. my peculiar situation in a public view, will not allow me time to sit down and arrange my thoughts correctly, and state them clearly. I trust you will make every allowance for all you may find amiss in what I now write to you -

I am  
Rev. Sir

yours affectionately

Saml. Marsden

Rev. J. Pratt -