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Dear Sir

Com. Mar. 13/15

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I must now write to you upon the subject of a pecuniary nature. I am aware that the mission which is a very great undertaking, will be attended with a very heavy Expence. In taking the Steps I have done, I do not feel altogether warranted by the Society merely, or Account of the Sum it will require at first to make a beginning. After the mission is once established, I do not think that it will <sup>for ought to</sup> be attended with any extraordinary expence. The Society must keep a vessel constantly employed: not only for the safety and comfort of their missionaries, but also for the Improvement of the Natives of the Island. By keeping up a constant Communication with Port Jackson the Natives will improve very fast in all useful Knowledge. Unless the Society has a vessel, of their own, or at least some Friends of the Society, that attention will not be paid to the Natives that will be necessary till a firm Establishment is made. I have no doubt, but the Lord will in his good Providence provide the means - "The Silver and the Gold are his, and so are the Cattle upon a thousand Hills." upon this I rest my