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wish for some years past to see this Island receive  
the Blessings of Civilization and the Gospel. and now trust  
the time is come when this great work will be entered  
upon. Had the Active returned without obtaining the  
object of her voyage, it was my intention to have sold  
her immediately, and not have called upon the Society  
for any money upon her Account - but as the object  
of the voyage has been more than answered, I cannot  
now withdraw, but must go on as long as my means  
will permit me. When I purchased the vessel, she  
was then bound to the Perment or Government  
Account, which made the voyage altogether ten  
weeks longer than it otherwise would have been  
and consequently increased the Expences. She had a  
larger Complement of Sea men the last voyage  
than what she will ever want again - As I did not  
think it prudent to send the vessel without a sufficient  
Number of men to protect her, in case any unforeseen  
Circumstance had taken place. She will now be navigated  
in a great measure with the natives of New Zealand, and  
her Expences will not be on that Account so great -  
I trust the Return she will make by bringing the