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natural Productions to Port Jackson will go very far  
towards paying her our Expenses. But this I shall  
know when I have visited the Islands and examined  
the Productions myself - The vessels returns may one  
way and another be the voyage & go. I wish it to be  
clearly understood, that I did not purchase the Active upon  
the Credit of the Society - as I did not feel warranted in  
doing this. I am willing to take the whole Responsibility  
of the Purchase upon myself - If the Society, or any Friend  
of the Society are inclined to take her, or any share in her  
she is at their Service. I have only one object, which is the  
good of the Heathen: and such an opportunity as the  
present of doing them good should not be lost for the  
want of money. I hope to be able to give you an Account  
of what the annual Expenses may probably be, on my  
Return from Mr Fedard, as I shall do all in my Power  
to lessen the Expenses - and if I can make the natural  
Productions of the Island pay the expenses of the mission  
(of which I entertain some Hopes, I shall be very happy.

Rev?  
J. Proutt  
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I have the honor to be  
Rev. Sir  
your most obedt. humble Servt  
Wm. Marsden