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Amotions as they do not seem interesting.

Upon my arrival in New South Wales in the month of October last, at my first interview with Mr Marsden, he expressed his regret that the attempt to carry the glorious Tidings of the Gospel to New Zealand had been hitherto delayed, and he was therefore anxious that I should immediately give myself up to the work to which I had the honor and happiness to be appointed by the Honble Committee. His Excellency Governor Macquarie was also pleased to signify his concurrence with Mr Marsden respecting my departure, and a passage was procured for me at the earliest opportunity. There are no regular means of conveyance from Port Jackson to New Zealand. It was consequently necessary either to hire a purchase a vessel solely for the purpose of forwarding the benevolent designs of the Society. Mr Marsden failed in his attempt to hire one and therefore purchased the Active Brig. At the time the purchase was made the Active was laden with Government Stores, and bound for Hobart Town & Van Diemen's Land. This being the case it was not deemed advisable to unladen her but to let her proceed to the place of her original destination and from thence to direct her course for New Zealand. Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> was the day appointed for my embarkation and I was accompanied from Parramatta to the Active by Mr William Hall and my young friend