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application for a passage on board the Retoo but against whom
a detainer is laid in the Secretary's Office by Captain Hunt.

Moro informs me that he suffered much while under the
command of Captain Hunt for want of food &c. and hearing of
the Retoo being at this settlement he came over by land
from Port Dalrymple, and he has been received on board by
Captain Dillon as a passenger in consideration of the services
which he may possibly be enabled to render me and my
colleague Mr Hall in our attempt to acquire a knowledge
of his native language.

I would suggest to your Honor, that many fatal occurrences
have taken place in the South Sea Islands in consequence of the ill
treatment which the natives have experienced from unprincipled
Europeans, and many valuable British Seamen have fallen
victim to that usual mode of retaliation which they
adopt after receiving an injury. And with respect to the New
Zealanders it is well known that after they have been some
time from their home they are exceedingly desirous to return,
and every unkind disappointment of their wishes tends greatly
to excite their resentment. It cannot be supposed that they
are acquainted with the binding nature of an article at the
time they sign it, and they must in certain cases rather
very account deem the restraint a great hardship upon
them. I therefore humbly request you will condescend to
use your authority and influence in behalf of Moro