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Sydney New South Wales

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Rev. Sir

I am now embarked on board the Active for New Zealand, along with Messrs Rendell Hall & King. I have deemed it necessary to take a few select mechanics to assist the Settlers for the present to form their establishments. The Chiefs and their Attendants return with me excepting one young man who remains with my family at Parramatta, in order that he may improve his mind in useful knowledge. He is a very fine young man. The Chiefs have been much gratified with their visit to this Colony, and the Inhabitants in general have treated them with kindness and respect. His Excellency Governor Macquarie has been very kind and attentive to them, and has given them three Cows and a Bull, one Cow to each Chief. I shall take an entire Horse and two mares for the future benefit of the Settlement. The Governor has also given the Chiefs each one suit of military officers clothing, which has been very acceptable.

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to them. They all seem very grateful. At my
Request his Excellency the Gov^r has appointed
Mr. Kendall to act as a magistrate which will
be a check upon some of the masters and
owners of Vessels, and their Crews who visit
New Zealand. The General order relative to this
Subject I herewith transmit for the Information
of the Society. The Governor has directed the
Colonial Seal to be put to all these orders
I have to give to the Chiefs, in order to
shew more particularly what is the wish
of the executive Authority in this Colony.
As far as human foresight can conjecture
there is a fair Prospect for establishing the
mission at New Zealand. I have had many
Difficulties to contend with, but they seem
now to be in a great measure removed.

The Society must be aware that the Expenses
attending this undertaking must be very considerable
at the first. I have now drawn upon you for
£ 2 h. 9. 0, being the advance of one years
Salary to the Settlers. I have also drawn
two sets of bills one for £ 200 - and the other
for 205. towards the outfit of the Vessel.
I am not sure that these bills will be

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sent to England, should I return in the time I
 have fixed, as a friend has advanced me that
 seem towards this outfit. nothing will tend
 so much to civilize the natives of New Zealand
 so much as a constant intercourse with their
 Colony - I intend the Active to be constantly
 employed in this service, for the safety and
 comfort of the settlers for some time - I think
 the natural Productions of the Island will
 nearly pay the Expence from this time -
 when I arrive at New Zealand I shall be a
 better Judge of this matter, and shall then
 communicate my Ideas to the Society -
 I leave my Family under the Divine Protection
 If I should be ordered to return to them, I shall
 be able to provide for all their wants, but if
 Providence should otherwise determine, I recommend
 them to the kind Consideration of the Society -
 as much of my Capital is expended in this work
 and my Partner has been afflicted for more
 than three years - whatever Sacrifices I may
 make at present, I feel it my imperious Duty
 to visit New Zealand - How far I am a Judge of
 my own Mind I cannot tell - I shall commit
 all my affairs into his Hands, and follow where
 the Lord leads as far as I know - I shall
 give the Society a more particular Account

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The first opportunity - you will excuse my haste
and confusion as the vessel is now under way

I have the Honor to be
your most obed^t. hum. Serv^t

Sam^l. Marsden

Rev^d. J. Pratt

Secretary to the

Church missionary Society -

P. S. The Settlers are all well