

Manroden to Secretary

June 10

New South Wales June 10. 1815

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Rev. Sir

Com. Jan. 22/16

Com. of Co. Apr. 25/16

15. by the Sydney Packet.

Ans. Sep. 5/16, by the Sw. Bessley

In consequence of the Church and London
 Missionary Societies feeling some hesitation to maintain a
 Vessel in these Seas for the accommodation and protection of
 those Europeans who are employed under their respective
 Patronage, I have finally determined to take the whole
 responsibility of the Vessel upon myself on the following
 conditions, viz, that the two Societies conjointly agree to allow
 the sum of £500. p. Ann^m towards the expences of the Vessel
 from Nov^r last when the establishment for New Zealand
 finally sailed from Port Jackson, should the Timber &c
 procured at New Zealand repay the expences of the Vessel so
 that no very material loss is sustained I shall charge nothing
 to either Society, I state the sum of £500. as the utmost
 that may be wanting on account of the expences of the Vessel

I shall not draw upon England for any part of this sum
 at present, but request (if the above proposal is agreed to,
 the Societies to send me out to the amount of £500. annual
 as opportunity may offer (till further orders) in Naval
 to the amount of £200. also Iron, Steel, Spades, Shovels,
 cast Iron pots of sizes and Reap Hooks, to the amount of £³⁰⁰
 the Iron I want for Tools of Agriculture for the Natives
 to purchase the Timber with from them, should the
 her own expences the above sum of £500. will go to
 of the Societies towards paying their respective Establish
 This measure will make the business very simple to
 Societies and probably remove every difficulty that has
 to opposed the employment of a Vessel in these Seas,
 this system the Vessel will be wholly my own, and in
 case I can act with confidence and shall meet with no inter
 ruption in carrying on my Plan formed with the European
 Settlers and Natives of New Zealand, for promoting the safety
 and comforts of the former, and the Civilization and improvement
 of the latter; under the persuasion that the above proposition
 will meet the approbation of the Societies it is my intent
 as soon as the Active returns from her present Voyage to
 New Zealand to send her immediately to Otago with order
 to touch at New Zealand on her passage out and on her
 return to call there for a Cargo of Timber &c. From the
 25th of Feb^r 1814 to Nov^r following when she sailed for New
 Zealand I trust the Society will pay all the expences incurred
 in the two outlets as well as for the necessaries purchased for
 the use of the Settlement an account of which I shall send