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The conveyance of the Vessel during the above period of 8 Months  
made some small Returns which will be stated in the account  
and placed to the credit of the outfit, should the expences be  
thought heavy the Society will take into their kind consideration  
the high price of Labour here as well as all Naval Stores, Iron,  
Tools of Agriculture &c. The 1<sup>st</sup> time the Active went to New  
Zealand I was compelled to have more Sailors than were absolutely  
necessary to work the Vessel as a protection, and also to give very  
high Wages to the Master, Mate & Seamen, it was not easy  
to procure proper persons for such an undertaking without some  
strong inducement as the Natives were considered such Cannibals,  
few cared to venture among them; since my return the public  
opinion is much changed in their favour, the number of  
Natives I brought with me to Port Jackson, their general  
appearance and conduct made the most favourable impression  
upon the minds of the Inhabitants of this Colony, I shall not  
therefore find in future any difficulty in getting Sailors to  
work the Vessel at less Wages. It was necessary that I should  
lay in considerable stores for the use of the Settlement as well  
as provisions for supporting the Natives who had returned with  
Messrs Kendall & Hall and likewise for the use of the Settlers,  
their Families and those who accompanied them, I also conceived  
it prudent to take various articles as presents to the Chiefs  
while the Vessel remained on any part of the Coast to treat  
generally all the Chiefs who visited us, as well as to shew  
kindness to the common people; the Active was generally  
employed with the Natives while I was there, and Ten Chiefs  
Sons of Chiefs with 2 Servants came with me to Port Jackson  
all these People could not be maintained without considerable  
expences. In forming New Settlements there are a variety  
of expences that cannot be foreseen, but they must with the  
utmost care and attention always be great at first. The  
Settlement now being formed and all matters arranged relative  
to it the expences in future will not be very great, I  
think the Rations of the Settlers and Families will not  
exceed £200. <sup>per</sup> Ann<sup>m</sup>. I have not time to review all  
I have wrote and am compelled to get my letter copied, I  
mentioned the above circumstance relative to the Vessel to the  
Rev. G. Burder who perhaps will confer with you on the  
subject.

I have the Honor to be  
Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir,  
Your Obedient Humble Servant

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