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I should wish to act with great Caution. The most  
venerable undertakings; meet with strong opposition -  
The Jews & Israelites could not build the walls of  
Jerusalem, without holding the sword in one hand,  
and the Trowel in the other - If we attempt even  
in these few Days, to build the walls of Jerusalem  
we must expect to meet with the same Spirit of  
Opposition. I have met with hard contests in ~~digging~~  
Digging the foundation, and laying the first stone,  
for the Christian Church in New Zealand, but hope  
the building will go on - I believe the work to be  
of God - it has gone on slowly, yet, but progressively -  
I have not had the means till lately to make the  
Attempt, tho I have wished most ardently to see the  
work begun. If the public Prejudice had not been so  
strong against the natives of this Island, the difficulties  
and expences of furnishing the Settlement would not  
have been so great. This Island offers a large field  
for the Exercise of Christian benevolence, and missionary  
Labors. Had I been a few years younger, and Circum-  
stances would have allowed me to follow my own  
inclination, I should have fixed my Habitation  
amongst these People. but this cannot be now -  
I intend when the Active returns for her to visit Otaheite  
where the Brethren are belonging to the London  
Missionary Society, and see how they are situated.  
These missionaries have suffered many Privations  
and have been greatly discouraged in their  
work, for want of being more frequently visited -  
I think the Active would answer for both