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Reverend Sir!

(Ans. Sep. 5/16, by the Sir W. Bensley)

Having already given you an account of the principal occurrences that took place in my voyage to New Zealand, I deem it further necessary to acquaint you, for the information of the Society what arrangements I made for the present Establishment of the Settlement at Ranghee Ho. Previous to leaving Port Jackson, I had left Mess^{rs} Kendall, Hall, and King at liberty to lay in what articles of Trade and other necessary comforts they might think proper, as I was ignorant at that time of the local Situation and many other circumstances connected with the intended Settlement. After I had been at New Zealand some time and made my own observations I was convinced that it wd. be very unwise to allow any of the Settlers to trade with the Natives upon their own private account as it wd. unavoidably lay a sure foundation for personal jealousies and differences amongst the Settlers - and was also likely to be productive of bad consequences amongst the Natives. The Settlers wd. be under strong temptation to take advantage of the ignorance of the Natives in the way of Trade if they were to reap the profits, and one Settler wd. have more means as well as natural ability to enrich himself than another by Commerce which wd. be productive of what the Apostle calls "Bitterness, Envyings, and Evil surmisings" amongst them. In order to guard against these serious evils which might defeat the views of the Society, I spoke to the Settlers upon the subject, and told them my opinion, and that I wd. not allow them to have any private Trade whatever; And in order that they might have no just cause of complaint, that I wd. pay them for all the Articles of Trade which they had brought with them, as well as for all the Tea Sugar &c and other necessaries which they had laid in for the