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Tho' I have already troubled you with a long Account upon various Subjects, yet I deem it necessary to write a few Lines upon the Vessel, and such matters as relate to it. I have already stated the absolute necessity of maintaining a vessel, and that little good can be done at New Zealand without one. The natives will want a vent for the Produce of their Industry, whether it be Timber, Flax or any other Article, and this can only be taken from them by means of a vessel. I should recommend that an Application be made to his majestys ministers for Permission to land in New South Wales, Duty free, any raw materials, the Produce of the South Sea Islands, such as Timber, Flax &c. Tho' Governor Macquarie has kindly allowed me to land what I brought from New Zealand without Duty being charged; yet another Governor may come to this Colony, who may take it into his Head to lay such a heavy Duty upon every Article as may amount to a Prohibition. If the Government will allow such Articles of Commerce to be imported in a raw State, Duty free; as may be obtained from the Industry of the natives; in that Case I think a great Part, and perhaps the whole Expence of maintaining the Vessel would be repaid. Should the Governor of this Settlement on the other hand, lay an heavy Duty, this would defeat the object. I am sure this Colony would derive many Advantages from a friendly Commu-  
-nication with New Zealand; and the Advantages to the Inhabitants of that Island by an Intercourse with us, could not be estimated. It is very necessary to foresee Difficulties that may arise, and to provide against them. I beg also to recommend to the Society, to obtain a Letter from his majestys Government to the Governor