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comes within their plan to notice. I shall submit the matter to you - I wish by every means in my power to aid the enlightening of the Heathen nations, and to spread the knowledge of the Gospel amongst them. This cannot be done without means - Commerce will furnish part of the means - only it must not be cramp'd with heavy duties. The industry of the natives and all who are labouring to do their good must not be tax'd at present - naval stores in this Colony are always scarce and high - Sea men's wages are also high - Provisions are very frequently very dear - The Fees of office are also very high. To clear the Active of the Port duties of one kind and another will amount to about £20. each time she comes into the Harbour. The Governour's Secretary has 6. per Ton measurement, and 2. 6 per Head for all on board every time she leaves the Harbour - I think the Port fees will not amount to much less than £60 per Annum for the Active. which is a very heavy sum. All these must be paid out of the Cargo. I am only afraid of heavy duties tho' Governour Macquarie has not changed any, as already mentioned, yet he may change his mind, or another Governour may come. Should any Governour ever command this Colony, and disapprove of the measures adopted for civilizing the Inhabitants of New Zealand, he greatly impede the work merely by depriving those who were carrying it on of the means, or laying on heavy duties. we are too remote to seek redress - and therefore I think it wise and prudent to provide as much as possible for what may possibly happen -

Rev. J. Pratt

I have the honor to be

Rev. Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant

James Munro