

and that those who were to remain on the Island had strong reason to believe, that their labours w^od be crowned and blessed with success. In the evening I administered the holy sacrament on board the Active in remembrance of our Saviours birth and what he had done and suffered for us. Thus we have informed you how we devoted our first sabbath day at New Zealand. I assure you, it was much more congenial to our feelings than any gratification we had previously anticipated. On Monday morning as there were no timber at Ranghee too fit for erecting the necessary buildings for the settlers I determined to take the Active to the timber district which I understood was about 20 miles distant on the opposite side of the Harbour on a fresh water river as this w^od save considerable expence and supply what was wanted at once. Therefore ordered all the iron and various other articles to be landed and given in charge of Duaterra. The poultry were also sent on shore. The sawyers and Smiths with young Mr. Hansen left the Active likewise. I directed them with the assistance of the natives to build a Hut 20 feet long and 10 feet wide, and thatch it for the reception of the settlers and families. When we returned from the timber district the natives seemed very willing to assist us as much as they co^d. I found now I sh^d be much distressed for axes and other articles of trade as the presents I had made at the North Cape and along the coast had very much reduced my stock, we had also omitted to bring boats with us from Port Jackson which was a loss I hardly knew how to remedy as nothing co^d be done nor provisions purchased from the natives without axes and carpenters tools. I had no alternative but to erect a smiths shop and burn charcoal as soon as possible in order that the smith might get to work and make such axes &c as the natives wanted, I consequently desired that some of the natives along with the smith sh^d be employed in burning charcoal and erecting a shop. &c till the Active returned. Having given such