

Church of Christ, and that if one instrument fails another will be provided whereby we may always say with Abraham in the day of trouble "God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering". On Friday the 24th of Feb^r the active was ready for sea. Quaterra still continuing apparently in a dying state, and my time being limited by Governor Mc. Lachlan's orders I could not remain to see the event of his sickness. I was happy in the consideration that those I left behind would cheerfully administer to all his wants, and w^od do every thing in their power to restore him to health, as they were all very kind to him and anxious for his preservation. I had given permission for 10 New Zealanders to accompany me to Port Jackson 8 of whom were chiefs, or sons of chiefs, and two servants. They were all embarked on Friday, and their friends assembled from every quarter to take their leave of them. Before my final departure from New Zealand I w^old to obtain and secure as far as possible a legal settlement for the Europeans I had left upon the Island; for this purpose application was made to the two nephews of the late Tippahoe who were proprietors of the ground which the Europeans at present possess (and the adjoining Town of Ranghee Hooh) to know if they would sell that piece of land upon which we had begun to build, & increase the quantity at first marked out for the Buildings, from our having no legal claim to it. These 2 chiefs readily complied with our request. They were related to Quaterra. I went along with them and the settlers to point out the boundaries of the land they were willing to dispose of, and purchased it on account of the Church Missionary Society, we could not ascertain the exact quantity for want of proper measuring Instruments, but as it is situated between some natural boundaries ^{expressed} in the grant I considered that of no moment: at least,

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