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It is with pleasure, that I have this opportunity to address you with these few lines, hoping they will find you in good health, as they leaves me, my wife and two little boys In Feb. I sent a Letter which would inform you of our settling at this place under the protection of Duaterra but alas he is no more, it is true, what David said in his Day, it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man, yea, than in Princes, There has been a great deal said about Duaterra and a great deal expected from him, by some, who I trust wishes well to the natives ~~but~~ but his mind was much prejudiced against us, by some natives of Otahetelee, when at Port Jackson <sup>the</sup> last time Feb. 12 Being Sunday Duaterra attended Divine service tho he did not always attend, after he dined at Mr. Hall's eat as hearty as usual, 13 he was taken ill but came to see us desiring to have the axes made to pay for the Ground we live on, as his people were daily teasing him for the payment, it was not Duaterra's Ground — we visited him daily gave him all the nurrishment we were able — 16 in the morning he was much better, at noon they would not <sup>let</sup> me go to him, he was made secret; 19 Mr. Marsden came from the Ships and after service prevailed upon the Priest to see Duaterra, 23 Mr. Marsden renewed or tried to renew his visit but all in vain untill he was or appeared to be in a great rage and told them if they did not let him see Duaterra he would fetch the big Guns and blow the Town up and set it all on fire, with this the natives permitted Mr. M. to see him and give him a little refreshment, but he was so weak at this time