

of the kind in the interior of an extensive continent. The easy access of the Missionaries to the different Islands by means of shipping would be a great advantage to the cause, and the comforts of life might be easily conveyed to them.

The Society will be happy to learn that I and my colleagues have been preserved in safety here nearly twelve months, and that we are at present under no apprehension of personal danger. There has been an unhappy dispute between the crews of the *Brig Inial* and the Schooner *Brother* and the natives while the vessels were near Mercury Bay; but we do not feel ourselves the least alarmed on that account. I from my knowledge of the Captain was always afraid he would make some great blunder. He came out with me as a passenger in the *Earl Spencer*. He was an unfit man to go amongst natives.