

We are very glad at all times to see the return of the Active, but should circumstances so happen that she should be wanted for the conveyance of Missionaries to other Islands in the South Sea, I am of opinion, that we could do very well by receiving our supplies once a year: Particularly as vessels might sometimes visit us which took their departure immediately from Port Jackson. I state the above as my own private opinion: for I believe we are as safe here as all other Missionaries are, who are under protection of the Nation.

We have parted with some hundreds of axes since the first voyage of the Active to this place, but the thirst for Iron amongst the Nation is as strong as ever. A Blacksmith is a very useful man, I do not know how