

circumstances, so happen that she should be wanted for the conveyance of Missionaries to the Islands in the South Sea, I am of opinion we could do very well by receiving our supplies once a year, particularly as vessels ought occasionally visit us which took their departure immediately from Port Jackson I am now communicating my own private thoughts. I believe we are as safe here as all other Missionaries are who are under the protection of the Weather.

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 Natives is as strong as ever. Mr Blacksmith is a very useful man, I do not know how we could do without one. I believe he is in the hands of Providence a great means of our preservation. The Attention of the Natives is much diverted from their houses