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Parramatta 25th October 1815

(Recd. Sep. 5/16, by the Northampton

and Sep. 5/16, thro' Mr Mansden, by the Sillth Bentley.

Reverend Sir

At a Meeting held this day at the Parsonage House Parramatta, the Official Letters from you addressed to The Rev. Samuel Marsden under date May 11th 1809 and December 16th 1814 were taken into consideration by us the Clergy undersigned, and after mature deliberation we are unanimously of opinion, that New Zealand opens a large and promising Field for Missionary labors. That the Inhabitants are a noble and intelligent race, and prepared to receive the blessings of civilization and the knowledge of the Christian Religion and it is also our opinion that their improvement and civilization can best be promoted by keeping up a regular communication with New Zealand, and introducing the chiefs into civil Society at Port Jackson, which can only be done by maintaining a Vessel for that purpose. The Vessel will be necessary for the comfort of the Settlers of New Zealand, and also for their protection from the Natives and runaway Convicts and Sailors who are put on shore by the Masters of Whalers and other Vessels. We also fully accord with the