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Different Vessels: I am apprehensive some danger will
arise from these bad men getting amongst the natives.
These men the Settles will be under the necessity of keeping
in Confinement in general, for their own safety. I brought
Convicts from N. Zealand with me in the Active, and left
three there as I could not conveniently bring more.
When the Active sailed from there in July, there were
six men Convicts, and some of them very daring and
abandoned men. As these men belong to the Crown, the
Government ought to contribute something to their
Support, while they are detained Prisoners at New
Zealand, so that the whole Expence may not fall upon
the Settlement. I made Application to Governor Macquarie
for this Purpose, but his Excellency said he could not allow
any thing towards their maintenance. I told his
Excellency the missionaries would not be safe if the Runa-
way Convicts were at large, and to maintain them in
Prison would be a very considerable Expence, and also
to bring them away from time to time when the
Active returned. The Gov^r said he would make some
allowance for their Passage; but he could not do more.
I have given Directions to the master of the Active to
bring as many of them away as he can with safety.
I am not able yet to tell what the Expence of the Active
will be. The Port Duties are very heavy. Sixpence per solid foot
Duty is charged upon all timber from N. Zealand, in Log or
Plank. Should the Active bring 6000 feet - £ 100. Pilotage
the the vessel wants none, £ 2. Sixpence per Ton fees to the
Governors Secretary, whenever the vessel measures every time
the Active leaves the Harbour - Two Shillings and sixpence
per Head for all Persons in the vessel, whether