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of Gain is looked for - Tho' this sum which the Active
may bring in by Duties on the Timber, is comparatively nothing
to the Revenue of the Colony; and cannot affect it in the
smallest Degree, as no vessel is employed, or can be in
the same Service, because it will ^{not} pay, yet this sum
small as it may be in the Scale of Government, it is
heavy on the Expenses of the vessel. Should a new Gov^t
be appointed, which will probably be the Case, I earnestly
recommend the Society to interest him on behalf of N.
Zealand. I think these Difficulties may be removed
if they are represented. I think a small Colonial ^{vessel}
for instance, which wants no Pilot such as the
Active, should not pay the same Pilotage as a large
foreign ship. The Pilotage of the Active for the
last year amounts to almost thirty Pounds, which
appears to me a very unnecessary Expense, but yet
I am obliged to pay it. If it was a small sum I should
not mention it. But it is all these things which have
no Connection with the wear and tear of the
Vessel, Seaman's wages &c. that tend to increase
so much the Expenses, and to increase the Difficulties
I feel at present. I must leave with the Society to act according
to their wisdom in these matters I have stated - I simply
mention them as they occur, as I feel their Grievances
and think they are not right. If the Society should be
of a different Opinion I am satisfied; if they can be
remedied, it will promote the Cause. What I think may be
in some Degree remedied is the heavy Duty upon the
Timber, and the Port fees. when the Active was