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here in Sep<sup>r</sup>. I believe there were 14 N. Zealanders came  
and returned in her. I was not very willing to pay £. 6. per  
head for Permission for them to return, or for their  
Clearance, but I could not get the Clearance of the  
Vessel without they all attended at the Secretary's  
Office, and I understood £. 2. per Head was charged  
for them. I remonstrated with the Secretary, told him  
as they were not under any civil Government, nor  
belonged to any Vessel as Sailors, that I thought they  
could not with any Propriety be subject to the same  
Regulations as British Subjects. But nothing would  
avail. They were compelled to appear personally  
before the Secretary, before I could get the Clearance  
signed - and some of the Chiefs were very  
unwilling to go, as they did not understand the  
Reason why they should attend - I hope these  
Venious things, will in time be removed; and that we shall have  
Persons in certain Situations that will not be so inimical  
to all true Piety, and pious men. A man can scarcely commit  
a greater Crime in N. Z. waters, than to be righteous over  
much.

Yesterday my Colleagues met me at Parramatta, to take  
into Consideration the Recommendation of the Society, to establish  
an auxiliary Society to the Church missionary Society here.  
Difficulties appeared in every way which could not be removed  
at the present time. I have the honor to send you our Letter  
containing our Sentiments for the Information of the Society.  
we shall make a beginning in a still private way -  
and if our Friends will assist us in the Colony, we  
shall be glad of their aid.