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without touching any where and was afterwards
taken by the Natives of Otahete. While the Vessel
was in their possession all the Wheat I had put
on Board as well as some other things were
either stolen or destroyed. When I received this
information I was much concerned that Quaterra
should be so disappointed from time to time in his
benevolent exertions to forward the improvement
and civilization of his countrymen, and was fully
convinced, that nothing could be done effectual for
New Zealand without a Vessel for the express
purpose of keeping up a communication between
that Island and Port Jackson. - When Mr. Kendall
arrived in the Earl Spencer, who had been sent
out under the patronage of your Society, I soon after
determined either to take up a Vessel or purchase
one for the service of New Zealand and to attempt
to establish a settlement which had been resolved
upon by the Society in 1808 and for which purpose
Messrs. Hall and King accompanied me on my
return to New South Wales. I attempted to hire
a vessel, but could not get one to go to New Zealand
for less than £500 which sum I considered too great
for one single Voyage. - The Active Brig at this
time arrived from the Perwent, and the owner
proposed to sell her, I therefore purchased her. -

As many dreadful massacres had been committed
at New Zealand both by the Natives and Europeans