

at different times, the whole crew of the Boyd having been cut off not long before, and the Vessel burnt, I did not think it prudent to send the Families of the Settlers over at the first, but rather wished to go myself if I could obtain permission from the Governor and take with me Messrs Hall & Kendall: I knew many of the Natives if I could only go myself, I could then fully explain to Puaterra and the other chiefs the great object the Society had in view in sending Europeans to reside amongst them. After I had purchased the Vessel I went upon His Excellency Gov. Macquarie and acquainted him with my intention and explained to His Excellency, that the Society wished to form a Settlement there and requested permission to visit New Zealand. The Governor did not judge it prudent to give his permission for my going at that time, but told me if I sent the Active and she returned safe he would give leave for me to accompany the Settlers and their Families when the Vessel returned a second time and then I might see them properly fixed. With this answer I was satisfied having no doubt but the Active would return in safety under the circumstances she was going to visit that Island. I therefore ordered the Vessel to be got ready for sea and Messrs Hall and Kendall to proceed to the Bay of Islands where the Natives whom I knew resided. When the Active sailed I wrote to Puaterra