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profession engages us to adhere to, but which
none, or very few except religious characters
would feel equally binding: and as the Missionaries
are in some measure considered responsible for
the external good conduct of those who are
with them, I think it would be much better
for them to continue alone. A friendly correspondence
might be kept up between the Missionaries
and any other settlers who might be inclined
to establish themselves at New Zealand.

Our Honorable Committee will bear in
mind, that altho, as a Magistrate it is
my undoubted province to check gross
immoralities, and prevent the Profanation of
the Lord's Day &c, yet my authority being (while
I am without proper force to support me)