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A Governor has it in his Power to assist the work very
much in this Colony, and to lessen the Expenses if
he was inclined so to do. He can also make it very
difficult to carry on the work, and yet not shewly appear
to do so - I feel most the heavy Expenses of the Vessel
when in Harbour, Duties upon the Timber, Port Duties
&c. I have remonstrated with the Governor upon this subject, and
prevailed upon him to take off Part of the Duty upon the Timber
I hope another Governor will take it all off. As no vessel but
the Active is employed in this Service, the Duty is no object to the
Crown; but a very material one to the little Concern. In stead of
a Duty upon the Timber, Government should give a Premium
for importing it, for the general Benefit of the Colony. I find the
Active will not make the Return expected in Timber brought
in Logs, as she is not large enough for this Purpose. I have
therefore sent over some Surgeons to cut the Pine into Plank.
But I am obliged to give them high wages as an Inducement
to go over. I have also directed Mr. Hall to teach some of
the Natives to Saw - In time I think the Vessel will make
some Return - as there would be a demand for the Plank
at Port Jackson. If a Saw mill could be sent out it would
be very valuable, and a man to work it, who understood it.
There are fine Falls of water in the Bay of Islands for mills,
without making Dams - The River Whylanghee falls from