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the settlers at St. Zealand, and the missionaries on the
Society Islands, and that I thought her returns would pay
her Expenses within £500 per annum. This sum I
proposed to be paid by the two Societies if it met their
Approval, provided this sum was necessary - which I am
inclined to think it will for a time, till some regular
Trade is established. I shall not draw upon either Society
on Account of the vessel, if I can find means to go on
till the Active returns from Tahiti & St. Zealand,
and I see what Cargo she brings. Her last outfit was
very heavy, as I did not expect her return for eight
months - I am in hopes the vessel will get a Cargo of
Fork before she returns, amongst some of the Islands
and for this purpose I purchased more than 60 tons of
Casks, twenty tons of Salt and whatever was necessary
for the Voyage. The outfit of the Active I believe will exceed
£1000 - The Society is not answerable for any part of this sum,
as I still retain her in my own hands, till I hear from you, and
the London Missionary Society relative to the Proposition
I formerly made. If it should be approved of, I will do the best I can
to promote the great objects - if any thing more acceptable to
the Societies can be suggested, the Active is at their service any
time, and in any way either as the Property of the Society or otherwise
New York
I am Dear Sir
Yours
Samuel Marsden