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Rev.d & Dr. Sir

Ans.d June 1/17 by Wolfe

I feel very thankful for the abundant supplies sent out in the Northampton and the vessel which will remove a very heavy Expense. He Same Hoes and Axes that you send out are at this time 8 & 9 each which is more than 100 per-cent above those sent by you. Some of the Goods sent out in the Northampton were too fine for New Zealand - I have disposed of for worth and have given you Credit for the Same. I shall at future send account with you for the Investment sent out in the Northampton first - I only send a certain Quantity at a time to N. Zealand, that the natives may not be tempted with the Riches of the Missionaries to rob them when I was at New Zealand, and had settled the missionaries in a populous Village, where they would be safe amongst their Friends, before I came away, they wished to remove about ten miles from their then Residence, to the Banks of the River Whytangee, merely because the Situation was beautiful, and the Land Rich - Here there was no Town, but only a few scattered Huts. To this I would not consent - They thought it unkind in me, not to allow them to settle in any Place which they thought best, and expressed their determination to follow their own Views - I stated my Reasons for objecting to their Removal. The first was the Safety of their Persons and Property - where they were placed, they were safe; what they wanted to settle, they would be in constant Danger of being robbed or murdered - it being a very lonely Situation -