

10 August, p. 308) that they expect their own vessel, building at Birnie, to supersede the necessity of any other. We were thinking that the best way would be to charge that Society for what work the Active only did, and for us to pay the remainder. However, we are persuaded you will manage the matter the best way you can.

In looking at our expenditure on account of the New Zealand Mission, we find that about £3,300 has been laid out within two years, including the present Investment. This has, doubtless, arisen from the great expense of the first establishment of the settlers. The Com^{rs} would be glad to receive from your Com^{rs} an estimate of the probable annual charge to the Society of the Settlement as now established, including the cost of maintaining the Active beyond her returns, and also the £200 per annum stated for the New Zealand Seminary in New South Wales. As considerable quantities of stores have now been sent in the three Investments by the Northampton, the Ocean, and the Sir Wm Bensley, it will perhaps not be necessary to send more till we receive your reply to this letter. Our determination on that point will, however, depend on what we may hear from you in the interim.

Suppose it should be found that the objects which I have above stated could be fully accomplished for £1000 per year with any additions which benevolent persons in the Colony might make to that sum, if you would state how much additional we must grant per annum on the sending out of any Missionary, or new Settler, we shall be able to come pretty near to an accurate estimate of our expenditure; and it becomes important for us to do this, as, tho' the public liberality has been great, yet our demands from Africa and India are ~~very~~ greatly increasing, while the altered circumstances of the country seriously diminish the ability of our friends.