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a - I do expect to hear some unpleasant News from Mr. Hall, but he is a man that will not take advice. he will follow his own opinion let the consequence be what it may - The last Account I had from him which I transmitted to you, was that he had been robbed, but still he would not quit the dangerous situation.

From the Accounts transmitted by the Com. from the Settlers they had the fairest Prospect of success. I am aware that Covetousness is in the Heart of all men; and the Poverty of the New Zealanders will urge them to steal, if there is a Prospect of Impunity. I should feel no Anxiety for the Safety of the Settlers and their Property, if they would follow the advice of the Chiefs under whose Protection I placed them; but if they will wilfully expose themselves to Danger, the Consequences may be serious - I have four young men with me, who are making great Improvement in useful Knowledge and as they all belong to the first Families in