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Dec<sup>d</sup> Oct 29/17

Dec. S. Maiden to the Sec.

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Parramatta Jan<sup>y</sup> 22. 1814

Rev<sup>d</sup> & Dear Sir

Ans. Nov. 24/17, by the Tottenham

Com<sup>d</sup>. Mar. 2/18.

I am happy to inform you that the  
Admiral left all the Letters well in New Zealand in  
Dec<sup>r</sup> last. and that they have every Prospect of carrying  
the object of the Society into full Effect - I can have  
no Doubt, but the time is now come for the natives  
these Islands to receive the blessings of Civilization and  
the Knowledge of the Christian Religion. I have at present  
seven New Zealanders at Parramatta, all either Chiefs  
or Sons of Chiefs - four of whom have been now  
between one & two years with me - two of them  
can speak the English Language pretty well; and  
have acquired considerable Knowledge in the common  
Concerns of civil life. They can now dress their own  
Cloar, and one of them can spin a web of Canvas very  
well. Their Conduct has been very becoming, far superior  
in every moral Point of view, than any of our  
common People - no Person in the Colony can  
charge them with any Impropriety - nor has there  
been a single Complaint against any of them while  
they have resided in this Settlement - As far as I can  
give an opinion, there is every Reason to believe that

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The benevolence of the Society, and their Intentions will  
be rewarded in the End in seeing this noble Race of human  
Beings ranked with civilized nations - on this Account I  
trust the Society will not be discouraged at the many  
Difficulties that may arise, and have arisen to oppose their  
Views, and wishes. The Letter Philis Tree will speak Conviction  
to every impartial mind - I informed you before that no  
Auxiliary Society could be formed in this Colony under present  
existing Circumstances - and this you will easily perceive from  
what hath taken place. The Philanthropic Society could not  
be brought to answer any benevolent Purposes, tho' honoured  
with the names of Persons in the first Situations: from  
the same Cause. my Colleagues wisely for themselves stand  
off; and if they were to espouse my Cause, and the  
missionaries I am not aware that they could do any good.  
and therefore it is better for them to be still - you will  
see also in the Sydney Gazette an Account of a native  
Institution under the Authority and Sanction of Government  
and that the meeting of the natives took place on the  
28<sup>th</sup> of Decr 1816. This Institution is established close to  
my Church at Parramatta - and within a few  
yards of my own House - I believe it hath now  
been established above two years - The Governor has  
never invited me to see it, nor mentioned that there  
was such an Institution to me - nor expressed a  
wish that I should assist in instructing the Children

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He at first appointed as manager or superintendent of the Institution a Mr. Kelly, who was not a member of the established Church - and Mr. Gaspull to assist who also is a Dissenter - I shall be exceedingly happy to see any thing done for the poor natives - and should readily lend my Assistance in my Power, was I permitted to do so - I only mention this Circumstance to shew the Spirit of the times. Two of my Colleagues are members of the Committee for managing the Institution, one living 15 miles distant, and the other more than 20 miles - while I reside upon the Spot - I have been Treasurer and Principal Magdalen of the <sup>Female</sup> orphan Institution from its origin - We have our nominated three Ladies as Patronesses to that Institution; and not one Clergyman's wife in the Colonies any thing to do with the Female Orphans. This is another public mark of his attention to the Clergy. I could enumerate many Instances were it necessary to shew, that uncommon appearances of Respect were not observed towards me; and such public marks to the contrary as could not escape the notice of the most ignorant. While at the same time great Professions are made of good will towards the missionary Societies, and those connected with them. Thro' the Help of God I have stood my Ground to this Day, and still hope to stand against all Opposition. At the same time I feel the necessity frequently to pray to be delivered from unreasonable, and wicked men.

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I do not expect ever to experience an harder struggle, than the  
the present, which time will soon decide. The wisdom of  
your Committee will suggest what use may be made  
of all the Information I have transmitted - I have laboured  
to put them in Possession of Facts: and leave the Cause  
with them. We Expenses have been much increased by the  
Secret means used to render abortive the Labours of the  
Societies to evangelize the Heathen in the South Sea Islands,  
and have also been much distressed in my on this Account  
and have felt the Burthen sometimes more than  
I could bear - was there a Society formed here, it would  
relieve me greatly - but as it is at present I have  
to bear the Burthen alone, and to act in very difficult  
Cases entirely upon my own Judgment. The Society  
I trust, will make every proper allowance for any  
thing that may appear incurred in me, when they  
take into their Consideration the peculiar Circumstances  
I am placed in -

I have never received a Line from you on the Society  
in answer to my Letters after my Return from  
New Zealand - which Letters you must have received  
in Decr 1813. This I cannot account for, as I have  
had answers from my private Friends to Letters  
sent at the same time - The Advice is getting ready  
for sea - and will sail again for the Islands when  
she is prepared - I shall write more fully by a  
Ship which is expected to sail for England soon  
Thurs. 9th Decr -