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They would be robbed, if not murdered, if they went to live
in a lonely Place where they could have no Protection.
At length, after considerable Difficulty they promised
to remain where they were - and I saw them comfortably
settled before I left them - Mr. Hall was to procure a
Cargo of Spars for the Active against her return, Mr.
King was to collect the Man which the natives brought
for sale - and Mr. Fendall was to devote himself
to the School - Mrs. Hall & King were also to instruct
the natives in Agriculture or any thing they could
for their general Improvement - under the Idea that
they would attend to these Arrangements I left them,
and returned to Port Jackson leaving them lawyers
to cut Timber for their Houses, and also to prepare
some Plank for the Active against her Return -
when the Active returned to the Island, Mr. Hall
had left the Settlement, and had gone to whyton place
with a Spar, nor a Plank had been procured for
the Vessel to bring back which was a very great
Disappointment as well as a very heavy loss -
I made up my mind to hear of Mr. Hall and
his Family being murdered for their Property,
and was apprehensive this might occasion civil
war in the Island, as the natives were so partial
to the Europeans where they live, I knew they would