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(Ans Mar 12/18 by the Isabella)

I have deemed it advisable to send two young men (Iovi & Teeternee) sons of Chiefs to England for a short time, as I think this will greatly tend to enlarge their Ideas, and prepare them for great usefulness to their Country men - Iovi has been with me almost three years, and Teeternee about 18 months. They come in his Majesty's Brig Kanagaroo - Lieut. Jefferys has been kind enough to give them a Passage - The Society will see from these two young men, what the Natives of N. Zealand are. There are comparatively very small men to many - I still entertain the same Idea of them that I have for years past, viz that they are prepared for receiving any Instruction we can give them - no men could behave with more Propriety while they have been with me than these two have done - If you could get any Person to form a Vocabulary of the N. Zealand Language while they remain in London it would be a great Advantage to the Mission - Iovi is very quiet, and can speak the English Language pretty well, so that I think this may be done -



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better in London than Mr. Kendall can do it in  
New Zealand. Nevertheless this I must leave to the  
Judgment of the Society - I wish on no account that  
they should be idle - If they cannot be employed in  
existing to form a vocabulary, let them be put into  
a Rope walk and kept close to labor while they  
remain in England - A Rope walk will be of more  
advantage to them than any other work, as they  
can then find employment when they return  
to their own Country in working up their own  
Glas. I have no doubt of their good Conduct; they  
will do any thing they are desired - and men have  
better Capacities for learning any thing, than the  
N. Zealanders in general have. Their object in  
coming to England is to gain more Information  
They have been very urgent with me to allow them  
to come - Iovi has left his wife a very fine  
young woman - She was with me some time,  
but is now returned to her Friends - they were  
so anxious about her, she left her Husband with  
me and went to her own Country, thro' with  
many Tears - Their parting was very affecting -



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There may be no necessity for their remaining long  
in England - only while they do stay, let them  
not lose their time - but let them have some  
useful Employment - I have no doubt but any of  
the South Sea whalers will accommodate them  
with a passage, as they can do any thing on  
board a vessel - They may either come to me  
at Port Jackson or return in a whaler to  
their own Country; but perhaps it would be as  
well if they touched at Port Jackson, as the  
Captains of these vessels are many of them  
dishonest men; and would take any thing from  
them which they might have - Should any  
person make them a little present, whatever  
they may have, it would be well to send it out  
as the Property of the Society till it arrived  
at Port Jackson - as it would be much safer -  
These young men were rather too old to learn to  
read the English Language - Jovi has learned  
a little, but not much - but they will learn the  
simple Arts very soon - Jovi can now spin  
Wool pretty well, and has assisted in making  
rope for the Active - Peterree's uncle has the



Command where the missionaries reside — I wish  
 it was possible to get a pious married man  
 to come out with them, who understood  
 Rope-making — in order that they  
 might form an establishment at the  
 Islands for Rope. Two sets of stores  
 & Hauls should also be sent out  
 with a Rope Jack or two — A pious  
 good blacksmith would be an invaluable  
 Acquisition to the natives if one could be  
 found —

Rev. J. J. Powell

The New Zealanders have been considered  
 the most ferocious Cannibals, and the  
 most warlike savages in the known  
 world — Cannibals they are, and readily  
 admit this — they are warlike also — but  
 they are very noble, and naturally kind  
 and affectionate — and in many moral  
 Qualities they would put nominal Chris-  
 tians to the blush — From all that have  
 lived with me, their national Character  
 may be learned in a measure from Gov.  
~~General~~ General ~~General~~ General ~~General~~ General

Dear Sir, yours truly J. J. Powell