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We have maturely considered the Plan of establishing a small Colony at New Zealand as suggested by the Rev^d Andrew Cheaps; and have little doubt but it would answer provided suitable Persons could be met with who would act in unity, and conduct themselves with Propriety - All who are conversant with mankind know that this can hardly be expected in a Body of People who are remote from all legal Restraint, and left so much at Liberty to act and think for themselves - There are a thousand Motives in a regular civil Government that operate upon Mens minds and induce them to live in Subordination and good Friendship, which exist not in uncivilized Nations. - To introduce the Arts of Civilization at New Zealand by the Establishment of a small Colony is a very desirable Object, and we think there would be little difficulty in doing this as far as the New Zealanders would be concerned since they are so anxious for Europeans to reside amongst them. - The danger would be from the want of Subordination amongst the Colonists - When Men are placed in new Situations and do not meet with all those Comforts and Conveniences which they expected they generally become discontented, fretful and ungovernable; This has been the Case repeatedly in the Society Islands - amongst the Missionaries there, and by which a very heavy Expence has several times been brought upon the Society - We are of opinion that this evil, in the nature of things cannot by any human Wisdom be avoided, and therefore ought to be taken into estimate, when a Colony is formed - The vicinity of this Country to New Zealand would no doubt greatly facilitate the Establishment of such a Colony - As many of the disaffected, or disappointed might at a

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Small Expence be removed to New South Wales, and relieve
both themselves and the Colony at New Zealand. — Horses
and Horned Cattle &c, might easily be transported from hence
to New Zealand — and here they are now becoming very cheap —
The Colonists might soon have all the common necessaries
of life within themselves. — They would have a good Soil, a
fine Climate, a well Watered Country, plenty of Timber,
and would command what Labours they might require at
a small expence from the Inhabitants, to carry on all their
various operations of Agriculture &c — With respect to the
Plan of the Vessel which The Rev^d Andrew Cheape also
recommends, we think this could hardly fail of Success
and would greatly aid the Exertions of your Society, towards
the civilization of the New Zealanders. Those who employed
their Money to such a benevolent Purpose, might upon
fair Grounds expect to reap some advantage in a commercial
view, We have consulted some of the most intelligent
Merchants in this Colony — who think such a Plan would
answer well. — The Vessel would no doubt be able to get a
Freight out, either from Government or private Merchants
who trade to this Colony, if the owners should not send
out a Cargo themselves, but in case they should do this,
we enclose a list of such Articles as are most in demand
here, and which would sell in general. — The Vessel might
return to England with a Cargo of Wool, and Oil from
this Country and New Zealand — On the Plan of a Vessel
the Active Brig might then be profitably employed,
making the Bay of Islands her regular Station; During
all the fishing season she might be procuring Oil for
England — We have sent you a Letter upon this Subject
from the present Master of the Active, a very respectable
married Man. — If Mr Cheape's Plan was adopted, many
of the New Zealanders would be employed in the Vessels
which would bring them forward very fast —

At present the Articles of Export from New Zealand
 want be Spermacet, Timber of various kinds, Flax
 which might be made into Cordage upon the spot -
 These commercial Articles want find constant Employment
 for both the Vessels and the Natives. - The Active cannot
 at present furnish the means to bring these Articles to
 Market to meet her own Expenses. but if employed as
 Mr Thompson points out, she might clear herself and aid
 the Mission. - Since the Settlers have been so kindly treated
 by the Natives, Ships can now enter their Harbours with
 Safety - We strongly recommend The Rev^d A Cheaps Plan
 both of a Vessel and a Small Colony of select Characters
 composed of Agriculturists and Mechanics. - If this Plan
 is not established by those who are real Friends to Religion
 it is our decided opinion that some such measure will
 be adopted by others, who have no pious feeling towards
 the Heathens - and which may prove injurious to the Mission
 We regret that the Expenses have been so heavy up to the
 present time - This has arisen partly from many untoward
 and unforeseen Circumstances, and partly from the ^{high} Prices
 of Labor here, and the difficulty there has been to induce
 Workmen to go to New Zealand to assist in erecting the
 necessary Buildings. As the Buildings are now completed
 and the Workmen withdrawn, the Expenses will be
 proportionably decreased - no more Stores need to be sent
 out for a long time, as we are now well supplied excepting
 a little Clothing for the Settlers and Native Children -
 We have engaged a very respectable young Man Charles
 Gordon for the Term of Three Years from the first of last
 January - at £60 per Annum - as Superintendant of Agriculture
 His Father came out originally as Free Settler - We hope
 by his Exertions the Settlement will soon be rendered
 Independent of this Country for Supplies of Grain, William
 Earle as mentioned both by Mess^{rs} Marsden & Kendall
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in former letters as Assistant to Mr Kendall in the School
is come over for his Family and will return again in the
Autumn. we believe Mr Carlisle is a pious man, Mr Kendall
approves of him much. Had Mess^{rs} Hall and King acted
with Propriety, and united cordially with Mr Kendall in the
Work, there might not have been that necessity of sending
over assistance to Mr Kendall that their want of Cooperation
has rendered necessary. In a letter which Mr Marsden
wrote by the Queen Charlotte, a Copy of which is sent
to you, he gave them both Permission to leave New Zealand
if they wished - it would not have been prudent to have
left Mr Kendall alone. Should they return, we shall on
the Return of the Active from New Zealand be better
able to give you a Statement of the annual Expenses in
future than at present, and in the mean time shall use
our utmost endeavours to keep the amount within the
sum you mention. From the Knowledge we have
of the Principal Chiefs who are and have been at
Pahamatta, we can have no doubt but the New Zealand
will soon become a Civilized Nation.

We have the Honour to be

Yours^d Sir

Your Obedt^l Hble Servant -

Samuel Marsden

To

The Rev^d Josiah Hall
Secretary to the Church Missionary Society

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John Gill