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well as laymen will feel it their interest to assist in erecting
their own houses.

If there should be a ship employed upon the coast
as a whaler, I do not think the natives would be of any
essential service in procuring whales in any reasonable time.
They would not be quick enough when their services were
most wanted, having no notion of prompt obedience to
orders. A whale might be lost, or a boat stove to pieces
whilst they were loitering and gazing at the enormous
creation. English sailors are the only men for this arduous
and dangerous employment. It would be a great thing
indeed if any plan could be adopted whereby a vessel
under the patronage of the Church Missionary Society could
pay her own expenses. The benefits which this settlement has
derived from a regular conveyance from hence to Port Jackson
by means of the Cutters and other vessels at its first
establishment have been incalculable. Our influence
has been greatly augmented amongst the Natives; our
comforts increased; and conveniences for carrying on
the concerns of the Society completed in two years, equal
if not superior to what has been accomplished in similar
establishments in twenty; Under the Divine Blessing