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side it requires a skilful pilot to steer her. Alas how often
have our little boats been thus exposed! I pray that our Divine
Master and Heavenly Pilot may keep us, and direct our way.
When I take a retrospective view of the events of the past
three years, and consider how unequal we, as instruments
have been to the work that has been assigned us, I am
astonished at the wonderful condescension of God in
making us thus successful. He has pitied us, borne with
us and blessed us, and opened a door for other labourers
because it is this work which He has inclined the Society
whose servants we are to take in hand. I trust that the
Society will rejoice that any advances have been made
towards promoting their benevolent design and that they
will not regret ~~the~~ the money which has been expended
in behalf of this noble race of men. And I also indulge
the hope that you, my dear Sir, whose heart has been so
long desirous to assist in raising them from the dust, will see
some good done before you die. I write my thoughts very
freely, because you are unreserved in your communications
to me. I doubt not but the interest you take in the
eternal welfare of the South Sea Natives will tend to your