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Rev. J. Mendenhall to the Secy.

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Rev. Sir

I had the pleasure to receive your letter by the Friendship - and was very glad to find that some legal steps were likely to be adopted for the protection of the natives in the South Sea Islands. I have nothing more to communicate, as I wrote very fully to you by the Harriet - one caution I omitted to give you relative to the natives at New Zealand. On the return of the Harriet from the Bay of Islands, a statement was published in the Sydney Gazette, that the natives intended to take the Harriet - I believe this to be a direct falsehood. I have letters from all the letters, and not the least mention is made of such an intention. From all that I could hear from the men on board, the natives rendered them every assistance in their power - there was