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Rev. S. Marsden to the Secy.

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Rev. Sir

Com. (in Cor^{ce}) July 13/19

The Claudine being detained another day gives me an opportunity to write to you another line - we have two whalers the Indian and the Workhouse from New Zealand. I am happy to say the Captains give the best account of the Settlers and of the Conduct of the Settlers - This give me very much Satisfaction - I have no doubt of the final success of the mission, but so great a work will require time - The Expenses have been much greater than I hoped they would have been; but untoward Circumstances, which could not be foreseen opposed the work - Time & Patience will overcome these - I have inclosed the Sydney Gazette with a certain protest. This was published here to gratify private feeling. It will do me no harm, tho' the whole Colony were struck with its insertion in the Gov. Gazette. I wish I may be able to stand my ground - no answer has been returned to my letter as yet to the Gov. or Mr. Campbells late Attack upon my feelings - I should not have noticed his letter in the manner I have done, but with a view of preventing any Injury to my Reputation in

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I lay down with my Superiors. Perhaps my writing
to the Gov. may prevent him from taking any
further public notice of it, than what he may do
here. I only wish truth to appear, and falsehood
in their own Colours. I may perhaps be betrayed
by my strong feelings to act in some instances
inprudently - If I should, this will proceed from human
weakness. I pray for wisdom to direct my path,
none can tell, but those who feel the Effects of Power
Malice, and Hatred, what it is to suffer in this particular
way. In the End all may be well. I do now not know for
I am correct in wishing to quit my Post, whether
this is not running from the Cross - but I long for
a little Peace, and Rest, my bed is used from Day to
Day. Every here of abomination exists amongst us
Heaven and will do so, while such Dreadful Enmity
exists against the Gospel - I believe there is a little
Spiritual Seed amongst us, but that is very small,
may the good Lord cause it to increase, and multiply.
By my letters to the Governor on the want of Clergy
I believe he is at length roused to apply for an
additional Number of Clergymen. I fear if they
are such as would be acceptable here, they would
do more Harm than Good. I can hardly wish
a pious man, to place himself in such a

to do so. He must prepare himself to meet every thing
 that can make him unhappy. At the same time
 I should greatly lament, if ungodly men were
 permitted to come out in the Church. This would
 be a dreadful calamity indeed to this rising Colony.
 If there is a succession of pious ministers, in time
 Salem's Kingdom may be shaken. The Powers that
 be may be changed, and things may take a better
 turn. I long for the day, when "Fathers shall be
 nursing Fathers, and Fathers nursing mothers" to the
 Church of Christ. I am fully aware of the Importance
 of every South vessel for a Gospel Station - and I do
 hope, that there never will be wanted a man to stand
 up, and sound the Gospel Trumpet to the End of
 time in this Distant Land. Should the Lord reveal his
 Salvation, and make it known to the neighbouring
 Heathen nations, what will not then be accomplished?
 with respect to the two young men who accompany
 Captain Welsh. I rely with Confidence upon the
 Providence of the Society to supply their wants -
 They will not be many - I have no Doubt of
 Captain Welsh's Kindness to them; nor do I
 doubt of their good Conduct - I hope the owners

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of Whalers will contribute some little assistance
to the Star Leopard mission, as their Ships can
now obtain Refreshments without Danger at that
Island, the advantages will be very great indeed to
them - If the mission was attended with ^{other} ~~nothing~~
Good, than preserving the lives of our fellow
Creatures, this is an object of vast importance -
The value of the Boye, which was cut off them
and all her Crew would have maintained the
mission many years - no injury has happened
to any European, since the Establishment of the
Settlement from the north Cape, to the King
Islands, which shews what temporal Good hath
been already accomplished - You will perceive in the
Accounts that I have charged £125 per annum for
the services of the Active - I cannot say that I shall
not be compelled to charge more at a future time
if she should be unfortunate, as her Expenses are
very great, and there is nothing as yet that
will meet them - If any Plan can be suggested
by the Society that will ease the Expenses in
this respect I shall most gladly meet the views
of the Society - I am Dear Sir
Yours &c
Rev. J. Pratt
Sam. Marsden