

trouble you. As this is an internal evil, existing among you, I am at a loss how to remedy it or where to meet it. I should be sorry to give an order to the masters of the active, not to receive any thing from you individually on board for Port Jackson, or at Port Jackson for the Bay of Islands, as this on one hand would degrade you in the opinion of each other, and on the other might deprive you of some comforts. If you can suggest to me individually or as a body, how the evil can be remedied I will most readily come in to your views. But it will be better if possible to settle it among yourselves as any breach that this might make would be sooner healed. The evil is not confined to New Zealand. The very same difficulties exist in the Society Islands and perhaps more or less wherever any missionaries are settled amongst the heathen. I hope you will resolve one and all to have nothing to do with private trade. We never find a man engaged to build a Temple selling pins. His thoughts have more rational employment. You are called upon to build a Temple for God, in a place where no stone has been quarried, no timber cut, nor a spit of the foundation dug. You have work for the employment of all your time and thoughts. With what gratification must you behold the dawn of civilization rising upon those around you, and the day star from on high visiting them. I think I should feel a joy inexpressible to see the New Zealander returning home from his cultivated field with his sheaf with him. I anticipate the day when he will plough with his yoke of oxen like the ancient prophet and rejoice