

The Arts of Civilization, in a Country and among a People that will rise in Importance amongst civilized Nations, in Proportion as Knowledge spreads amongst them. The local Situation of the Islands of New Zealand, the Climate, Soil, natural Productions and Inhabitants are all favourable for missionary Labors, and I firmly believe the time is come for the Gospel to be preached to them.

To promote this Object has been my strongest Inducement for remaining to this Day in these South Seas. While I see the divine blessing attending my feeble Endeavours for the Benefit of the Natives in these Islands of the South Seas, I feel a Satisfaction which I cannot express and which suppresses every murmur in the Day of Trouble. I have often thought, if I should be compelled to retire from the Public Service by the Hand of Power, I should most willingly devote my time to the Cause of the Natives, tho' I am now rather too far advanced in Life, to hope for any long continuance of Public Service. What will be the final Issue of that Spirit of hostility which has been so publicly manifested against me, I cannot say: nor does it give me much concern. I know all will be right in the End. The Cause of the Natives has not suffered in this Part of the world, notwithstanding Principals and Powers have opposed it. Many here will assist as soon as the first Letteth is taken away. Till then nothing can be done. I should have seen in England before this if I could have got Permission to leave the Colony.