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our language much, but not too old to learn  
the simple Arts, and Agriculture. If they are  
taught to milk, the management of Cattle and  
Horses, to plough, &c. the Knowledge of these  
things will improve their Situation in their  
own Country, and forward the general object  
of the Society. When the Active returns this voyage  
it is my Intention to send her again as soon as I can  
to New Zealand, and make the Bay of Islands  
her Station. When the weather will admit, she  
will put to Sea, and Mill whalers. By this means  
if she should be fortunate, much of her Expenses  
may be covered. This Plan will also tend very  
much to extend our Influence, and Interourse  
with the natives all along the Coast, and  
gradually open the way for extending the mission.  
I am anxious to pay the Island another visit.  
The Settlers and Chiefs urge me to see them  
again. There are ten or more Children belonging  
to the Settlers who want baptizing. Should the  
Rev. Mr. Mortimer arrive I should wish  
to accompany him, but I shall not claim  
leave from our present Governor. I have  
no hope while he remains. I am now looking  
for Dovi & Teeterne's return. I am informed  
Dovi's brother is gone to England to look for  
him in some vessel that touched at it.  
New Zealand - I remain, Rev. Sir,  
yours affectionately  
Wm. J. Pratt - Wm. Marsden