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in any other way. The advancement of the Natives in the knowledge of the relative value of European articles, points out the propriety of your prosecuting and improving cultivation, to the utmost of your means. To this you ought to look for the principal part of your own provisions; and this you should use your best endeavours to extend among the Natives as widely as practicable, because it is calculated, in so many ways, to confer benefits upon a vagrant, uncivilized, and warlike population.

The articles mentioned in your memorandum Book, with a pretty large supply of trade for the School, and other things, were all prepared to be shipped on board the Catherine, when we found, to our regret, that, as she goes out in ballast, she is not to be entered at the Custom House. We could not, therefore, send the Stores by her without an express authority from Government, and we did not learn the true state of the case till it was too late to obtain such authority. We learn, however, from her Owners, that she may probably be delayed long on her voyage, which somewhat diminishes our regret.

We have since tried to obtain freight in the "Dromedary," a Cowick ship, which is to proceed on from Port Jackson to the Bay of Islands, but the Navy Board could not accommodate us. We shall, however, take the first opportunity of sending these stores. Among them is a Copy of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, for the use of the Settlement.

The Committee are somewhat reluctant to carry on the maintenance of Children in Heathen Countries; yet rather than see the School broken up or diminished, they agree to such measures as may be found necessary to keep the Children together, and you will accordingly give them such provision as you shall judge necessary for this purpose.

We cannot close without adding the full approbation which your proceedings obtain with the Committee, as far as they have come under their knowledge, during the whole of the time that you have laboured under the Society. They have been much gratified by the judgment, zeal, and patient perseverance, as well as kindness toward your brethren, which has marked your whole conduct, as is evident from your Letters to them.

We do not write to Mr. Butler, as it is uncertain whether he may have got to New Zealand by the time the Catherine arrives; but you will present to him, & to all our friends our kindest regards. Please to tell Mr.