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Mr. Massden's Queries to the Settlers of the Bay of Islands. Nov. 5. 1819.

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Answers.

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1. How far in your opinion has a regular communication between New Zealand & Port Jackson thro' the medium of the Active, contributed to your Security & comfort during your residence in the Island?

1. Our Security & Comfort have been greatly promoted by a regular communication between N. Z. & P. J. through the medium of the Active, during our residence in the Island. The constant attention that has been paid to us by our powerful Friends at a distance has made a favorable impression on the minds of the Natives in our behalf; & our temporal wants have been also regularly supplied which could not have been done without a regular intercourse with Port Jackson.

2. How far has the same communication contributed to the general improvement of those Natives who have had an opportunity to visit P. J. and to see & taste of the comforts of Civil Life?

2. The Natives of New Zealand are men of strong intellects & in general possess a spirit of enterprise & enquiry. Those who have visited P. J. have at all times expressed themselves highly gratified with what they have seen & heard in the Colony, & with their various employments there. When they return to this Island they will spend many hours & sometimes whole nights in telling their Countrymen what the Customs of Englishmen are, & what are their various occupations in Civil Life.

3. Have the respective reports of those Natives who have returned to their friends, added to your influence & respectability amongst the Inhabitants?

3. They have

4. How far would it be prudent or even practicable from the spirit of enterprise & turn for Commerce which the New Zealanders possess from their national Character, to prevent them from visiting P. J. in any Vessel which may be employed

1. The Natives consider the Missionaries on Shore, The Owner of the Vessel, The Captain & Ship's Company, as members of one Body. They know also that the Vessel is navigated chiefly of their Friends the Missionaries, & feels themselves more interested in the Missionary Vessel, than they would in any other.