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My very Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that we had a fine passage in the ship to Port Jackson where I found all my family well, and daughters shortly after at the Lord's table. I had suffered much anguish of mind when at the Island at the very hurried hour which some entertained of my children - my spirits were more provoked than at any thing I had met with in life. They devote their time to instruct the ignorant and to guide the poor wanderer - no wicked insinuations will ever cause me to relinquish my labors for the good of New Zealanders - and I bless God that he has rewarded me with such a feeling - which I hope will attend me to the grave. Your son Samuel is very steady - and behaves well. I think his visit to Parvanna will be of great service to him - He has no companions to lead him wrong - and he sees none but the best of characters this colony affords - I think you will find him more inclined to do all you wish when he returns to you - He is just treated as if he was my own son - and is under no painful restraint - and free from care - and will do well I have no doubt.

with respect to myself I can say but little as yet - I have not seen the Governor since my return, nor am I likely to see him. How matters will end I cannot tell as yet - but I think I shall convey my Point - our difference

is now before the House of Commons - The whole
State of the Colony will now come before
the House - I think the Governor will not
remain long in the Colony, whether I shall
return to England or not is yet uncertain
but I rather think that I shall remain where
I am - Several members of the House of Commons
have warmly espoused my cause, and have
pledged themselves to see justice done to my
Character - The Governor must be very angry,
what will be done here I cannot tell as yet -
no doubt every attempt will be tried to do
me all the injury possible - I have determined
to maintain the Contest unto the End - The
Foundation upon which I stand is truth, and
I only have to maintain my ground, and not
to be driven from any Post by any attacks
and then I must conquer - I may have
hard to fight - we are expecting arrivals from
England every day, when I shall for now move,
I think it probable two King's Ships will
come out, and after they have landed their
Prisoners will visit New Bedford for some
time - If they do I shall visit you again if I
can obtain permission - and see how you are
getting on. I hope you will go on well - Always bear
in mind the importance of the work in which
you are engaged, and what can honor you
enjoy - You cannot magnify your office too

much nor think too highly of your situation
as an Ambassador to the Heathen, much will
depend upon your wisdom, Patience and Perseverance,
and I hope you will possess all these virtues.
You know well what a state the mission was in
when we first arrived - when I saw what were
sent out to instruct the Heathen were doing
my very soul was pained within me - I trembled
for the consequences. Their sin appeared exceeding great
to me, and I did think then, and have thought since
that if God intended to be merciful unto them
he would bring them into some affliction -
when Mr Gordon's Father called upon me
(as you is a pious man,) after my arrival at
Parramatta before he saw his Daughter told
him Mr Gordon had neglected his Duty, and
I feared on that account he would have some
heavy affliction - The next year I had Mr
Gordon died at Sydney - you & them saw their
conduct in the same light as I did. They appeared
to be stupid and insensible - Mr King I think will
sooner or later also be convinced of his Error -
I hope he will continue now to do what is right, and
not fall again into the snare of the Devil -
I do expect the Society will take very serious notice
of his Conduct - It will give me the greatest
Gratification to find you all go on well, and
that the work prospers in your Hands -
The Field is open for your labors, and you
must succeed in the End - I have had repeated
Conversations with the Commissioners respecting

new Island and I hope Government will
attend to it when the present Powers that be
are removed. I shall embrace every opportu-
-ity to promote the Interest of the Country you
live in. so that you may depend at all times
upon my support while I remain in
the Colony - I hope my difficulties will be
less than what they have been in time -

I have sent over Mr James Shepherd to live with
Jimmuranga and his party. you will
give him all the aid you can in building
him a little house or - He is well acquaint^{ed}
with gardening, grafting, &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.
he will be very useful in all these respects
I will send him some assistance as soon as I can -

Should the King's Ships come I will try to send
the Hoynes &c - You will be so good as to give our
kind respects to Mrs. B. &c. She will be gratified
to know that her son is well, and gets on well -
I think he will soon be released, and when he
comes back again, she will not regret that
he came with me, as he will be more likely
to be a comfort to her, than if he had never
been from her - I shall send the wheat &c. &c.
in the future -

I remain

Dr Sir

Yours affectionately

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