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Rev. S. J. P. M.

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Rev. Saml. Mendenhall to the Secy.

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By the ferry I informed you of my intention to visit ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> island with the Rev. S. J. Butler, and his colleagues, which I did. I herewith forward you my Journal for the information of the Society - I have not had time since my return to examine it, or make any corrections you will make allowances for any errors, or want of method, as I wrote my observations while I happened to be at the moment, after surrounded with natives, in the midst of noise and confusion, when I was with them in the different districts they <sup>my</sup> let have little rest either night or day, as they would be continually talking upon various subjects. I hope the Christian world will now be convinced from positive facts that the New Zealanders are prepared for the Gospel, and ready for any instruction they can get - God has wonderfully blessed the feeble means that have been used for their good, in spite of all that the Enemy could do. The only thing I regret is the expense - but I hope the Head of the Church will move the hearts of those who have been so contribute their portion for his cause and interest. I pray to send Jesus that, in proportion as the Christian world becomes acquainted with the misery of these poor Natives that they will willingly send their aid to relieve them,

I hope the observations I now send will be the means  
in some degree of increasing the Society's funds.  
I can only say that all has been done that I could  
possibly do to lessen the Expenses. All new Colonies  
are attended with heavy Expenses at the first, and  
I now hope they will not in future be so much as  
they have been. I am now preparing to visit the  
Settlers again in His Majesty's Ship the *Dromedary*  
agreeable to your wishes. The Honourable Commis-  
sioner of Enquiry, wished me to go, as well as the  
Captain of the *Dromedary*. I have put the  
Commissioner in full possession of all the  
Affairs of the mission - He has seen the New  
Zealanders who are with me, and is much pleased  
with them, 25 in number; some of them will  
accompany me in the *Dromedary*. I hope a  
good understanding will now be established between  
the Chiefs and the British Government, if the  
Spans are found to answer New Zealand will  
be of great national importance and there can  
be little doubt of this - The natives may derive  
all the advantages they may wish for from  
New Zealand, without the Expenses of  
forming a Colony. and what Government  
will do, will relieve the Society of part of  
the Expense; and at the same time forward your  
views - Prater had often informed me of a fine  
River which runs into the Sea on the west side  
of the Island. I had not time to visit it when  
I was first at New Zealand, but want to see it  
at this <sup>last</sup> time. I have sent you a Chart of the

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Review, which I have named Gambier - Should  
there be no more difficulties in entering the  
harbour than we were able to discover, the Review  
will form a very <sup>fine</sup> settlement for the mission -  
The King's Ships will, no doubt come here  
for timber, as the banks of the River are in  
many parts covered with the lofty Pine.  
But I am not certain of yet - It is my intention  
to visit it again with an officer of Experience,  
in the Endeavour, in order to settle this  
important point - what Spars the Active  
has brought formerly are much approved of,  
and the Governor whom Government have  
sent out to examine the Timber gives it as  
his opinion that none can be better. Should  
Government succeed in their views, New Zealand  
will soon become a very great Country -  
The Society will be aware what difficulties have  
opposed their labours - and will bear the real  
state of this Colony from the Encumbrances  
before the Committee of the House of Commons  
and from the Reports of the Commissioners  
of Inquiry. Should you see a Document published  
in the Sydney Gazette relative to the human  
heads brought from New Zealand, you will not  
trust give credit to such a statement. It appeared  
about 6 weeks ago - It came from the old Quarter  
I have the fullest conviction, when the <sup>Company</sup> returns  
the Society will have the satisfaction to know  
that their labours have not been in vain, and

But they may hope for every convenience from  
the British nation in the great work they are  
engaged in. Mr. Phipps is a man of great judgment  
and Honor, and will surely see into the spirit of the  
times. From the moment I heard that the affairs  
of the Colony were to come under the consideration  
of a Committee of the House of Commons my  
mind was relieved. I was comforted with the  
prospect that some Relief would be provided  
for the public Debt, of which I had so long  
complained, and the private wrongs I had  
suffered; I am very thankful to my Friends  
for their kind support. The lies and Falshoods  
of every kind which were spread would never  
have obtain'd a Conteritator, without a public Enquiry.  
The Truth will now rise from under the Publisher  
under which it has long been buried. when the  
Ordinary returns you will have then a full  
Account of what may be looked forward to.  
I have had no Communication with Gov<sup>r</sup>. Macpherson,  
excepting by Letter since my return - we have  
never spoke upon any subject. He will struggle  
hard, but the Day of Retribution will come. His  
Superiors may aid him, but he cannot justify his  
measures. it is impossible - I have stood my ground  
hitherto, but with the greatest Difficulty. and now  
I hope to stand. I shall not return at present to  
Europe, as the Commission is come out  
my business may be settled without that. I could  
not have remained had there been no Check put  
upon the Treasury - I remain  
Rev<sup>d</sup>. G. Pratt  
Yours affectionately  
Wm. Mordaunt

Feb. 1790.  
Rev. James Mordaunt