

Letter of Advice  
to Rev. J. G. Butler

On Board G. M. J. Ironsday  
Wangharoa Wh. 19<sup>th</sup> 1820

my Dear Sir

As I am now on the eve of my  
return to Port Jackson I avail myself of the  
present moments to address a few lines to you  
before my departure with the sincerest wishes to assist  
you in the great work of the fund to which you have  
been solemnly called and set apart - you will remember  
at the time I arrived in New Zealand in Feb. 1818 I found  
you greatly discouraged because of the way you had exper-  
ienced six months of severe trial in a new field of activity  
during which period I have no doubt you suffered more  
real anxiety and pain of mind than you had ever  
experienced during as many years of any former period  
of your life - your trials were new - your graces were  
exercised with new temptations, and perhaps in some  
instances you saw yourself in a different light from  
what you had been wont to do - your patience was  
put to the test, and after completely exhausted -  
you seemed to feel much of that unbelieving spirit  
of Jacob, that the ten rulers of the Children  
of Israel, who had been appointed by Moses to exam-  
ine the land of Canaan, manifested, when they  
returned and made their report - "we are not able  
to go <sup>up</sup> against the people, for they are stronger  
than we" when you mentioned to me the state  
of your own mind, and the situation of the  
settlement I felt much grieved for the evils  
that existed; yet from my long experience of  
mankind I was not astonished at them -  
No despotic Authority is inherent in human  
nature, I have often seen this disposition  
manifest itself more in republics, than