

Rev. Sam. Morrison to the Secy

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Rev. Dear Sir!

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I have learned from the public papers that it is the intention of the Wesleyan Society to send a mission to New Zealand. I do not see the wisdom of their doing this. There is a very large and extensive field unoccupied in the Friendly Islands, which they might have to themselves. I have always wished that the Church missionary Society should have New Zealand for their portion, the Wesleyan Society the Friendly Islands, and the London missionary Society the neglected neighbouring Islands - and that these three Societies should have a vessel of about 200 tons to attend upon their missions. I am well aware that in the present state of Society in New South Wales that no missions can be permanently carried on without a vessel, under the control of the Society or their Agent here. and this opinion I have maintained for years. It is not the Savage Tribes that will create the greatest difficulties, but men who are called Christians will from Avarice, or other bad motives, give much trouble. If the natives of the South Sea Islands get into the hands of avaricious unprincipled men, the missions will be greatly tried. The step that was taken, in my absence at New Zealand, by an individual at Port Jackson with respect to the Society Islands, will shew this very clearly - A full account of this Circumstance I sent to the Treasurer & Secretary of the London missionary Society - which Account I should wish