Rev. J. Butler to His Excy Sir T. Brisbane

To His Excellency
Sir Thos Brisbane
Governor of New South
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Mission Westmorland.
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Sir

When I had the pleasure of conversing with your Excellency at Government House; your Excellency was pleased to manifest your very kind intentions and anxious desire to promote the comfort of the Missionaries at New Zealand and also to forward the great object they have in view; which are nothing less than the Eternal as well as the Temporal happiness of those wretched Cannibals.

Your Excellency was pleased to intimate at that time; that it would afford you much pleasure to present us with a Breed of Cattle and Sheep. It is a matter of the greatest importance, and worthy of your Excellency most serious consideration. There are seven families residing at New Zealand permanent servants of the Honorable Church Missionary Society. Cattle and Sheep will add much to the comfort of each, and enable us, as they increase, to furnish the natives with the same. And as it will become our duty, so we shall be careful to point out to them the Source from whence the spring; and to whom they must for ever stand indebted.

I hope therefore, your Excellency will permit me in my own name and