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Dear Sir
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I fully agree with you in the opinion that the
 Evangelization of the New Zealanders will not be
 accomplished by carnal weapons. War and Bloodshed
 are also much to be deplored, and will be so by every
 pious Christian, wherever such evils exist, in every
 part of the earth. Was I a Quaker, I should also
 say, that it is an unlawful, or unchristian profession
 that of a Gunsmith, and that Bartering for Muskets
 or selling them any where, is incompatible with the
 principles of the Christian Religion. But we are fallen
 men, living in a fallen world: and we well know that
 men, as they are tempted by the Devil, and under
 his dominion do take delight in tormenting and
 destroying each other. Hence even Christians are under
 the necessity of providing themselves with weapons
 of war, & they pray for, & endeavour to obtain
 Victory over their enemies, not indeed for their
 gratification, but for their preservation. Why will
 you not argue fairly? I confess, I am not a little