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Rev and Dear Sir

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We arrived at the Bay of Islands on the 22 of January last, all well. After we landed we found that the natives had returned from war, and were preparing for a second visit to the River Thames. Three weeks since more than a thousand fighting men left the Bay with Shunjee at the head of them. The Settlement suffered very little by them, upon the whole they were quiet and civil towards us all.

Mr Hall did not at first see it his duty, or his way clear to remove to Wangeroo, and Shunjee having cut off all the Inhabitants of Mercury Bay I thought it not prudent to go there. Indeed all the Brethren advised me not to think of going to any new place by myself but wished me to stay in the Settlement until some Brother comes to join me. After considering the subject for seven days, and looking at it on all sides I thought it best in this case not to go against the general opinion. Mr. W. Hall having kindly offered us his house we accepted of his kindness and have for the present taken up our lodging in it.

Shunjee objected to my going near the River Thames. He said his reason was that I should be in his way in the time of war. He has no objections to my going to Wangeroo, but strongly recommends a place which is one days journey from Wangeroo to wards the North Cape. The name of the place is Ho do do. There is a good harbor and a great number of natives. I have seen the Chief of the place and he is very desirous for me to go to reside with them after they have returned from war. Shunjee has a sister living at Ho do do. I have likewise seen a Chief from Wangeroo and he advised me not to go there until the war is ended.