

Panagee Ho Aug. 30. 1823

Pres. Sir,

As I am now about to quit New Zealand with my Family, and do not know whether it may or may not be the will of Divine Providence for me to return I desire in this farewell address to the Committee of Missionaries to express ~~my~~ with deep contrition my late awful fall and dreadful state of mind.

In stating my present feelings respecting my departure from this Island I have to inform you that after several communications to the Pres. Sam. Marsden, and interviews with him I have weighed the subject duly, and ~~now~~ ^{now} no doubt but by re-
turning a few years at least I am doing my duty. When I look at the Natives of New Zealand and the wide field of usefulness which is at present before the Missionaries I long to remain where I am. But I am in an unfit state of mind, my head is often in a distracted condition, and my spirits broken down; My Family is also large, some of my Children are growing up fast towards maturity and want fixing in the world. I therefore am reluctantly compelled to remove, and have only one remaining duty to perform: that is, to express my readiness to retract every impropriety or expression which I may ever have unguardedly made use of through the natural irritability of my