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December 20<sup>th</sup> 1823 W. A. Wake

Rev. & Dear Sir,

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by this conveyance I forward to you my Journal, and copies of various letters and other Documents connected with the mission. From my Journal you will see the principal occurrences that took place daily while I was in New Zealand, as I noted them down as they occurred. I have answered the queries proposed by the Society, as fully as I am able, from all the information which I could receive. You will see from the various conversations I had with the Chiefs you will see their views are very much enlarged, and the way is gradually preparing for the Gospel. A nation does not easily part with their gods, more especially their false gods. The New Zealanders are very much under the influence of the Prince of Darkness. He will not quietly give up his prey. Nothing has happened since the first establishment of the mission to the present time, but what might have been expected, especially from the natives. As Mr. King justly observes, we have made no new laws, we have established no new Customs, we are only following the Institutions of our Forefathers, which we cannot as yet relinquish.