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Recd and dear Sir

My continuance in New South Wales appears mysterious not only to me but to many of my friends also. Mr Madden has used every means consistent with his views of us, to remove us to our intended destination, but his plans have hitherto been abortive.

Mr Williams waited for us four Months, after his arrival at New South Wales, and we had made every preparation to leave the present scene of labour, by the first vessel that might offer itself for New Zealand, but it pleased God again to thwart all our plans by a long and painful affliction of Mrs Burke, in a case which baffled the skill of the Surgeon, and for a long time led us to despair of her life; however the father of all our mercies, again raised her from the brink of the grave, and on the 29th June made her the Mother of a living child.

The affliction we found peculiarly trying being obliged to remove Mrs L from the Water Settlement to Parramatta, a distance of about fourteen Miles, - and I left with the weight of an infant Mission upon me to provide for twelve children, with two services on the Sunday