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Proud and dear Sir

I received your affectionate letter dated Feb^y 15th 1823, wherein you mention having received letters from me, from Bro Parsons, I hope you have also received my letters dated Nov^r 29th and others dated Feb^y 1823 I had written in Oct^r, but by mistake my letter was not forwarded which I now forward with this

Some dear Mr. Marsden has returned from New Zealand, a new scene of usefulness has presented itself to that dear man of God, and to me, Mr. Marsden sees it my duty to proceed immediately to New Zealand, on account of the education taken place there, during Mr. M^r's last visit - so that I am now preparing for that voyage, I again sympathize, being deeply affected that ^{young} "who did once run well" are now turned aside from the right way, but yet dear Mr. Marsden, and Mr. P^{arsons} tells us that the Mission is in a more prosperous state than ever, and that the Missionaries leaving, is no ground for ~~that~~ ever for discouragement, may the Lord direct our steps and keep us from falling.

We intend continuing our labours among the Aborigines till a vessel offers itself for New Zealand, as they are altogether destitute of an instructor when we leave, May the Lord raise them up some one that feels for their immortal Souls. - It would afford me pleasure to hear you had nominated some one for this part of the vineyard - here are obstacles, but here are also encouragements, much perseverance is wanted and a temper that will bear up with insults, and the basest ingratitude, It should be some one that is qualified for instructing children, and could conduct the public worship of God on the Sabbath as there are many