

Observations  
7. M. Hocken.  
On the Introduction of the Gospel  
Into the South-Sea Islands

Being my first visit to New Zealand in Dec. 1814.

When the fulness of time drew near for these poor heathen Nations to be favoured with the knowledge of Divine Revelation, the Supreme Governor of the world overruled the political affairs of America and England to further this object, and made the wrath of man to praise him. —

One great step was accomplished when America, in July 1776, was declared a free and independent Nation. — A short time before this important event took place, Capt. Cook, accompanied by the late Sir Joseph Banks, had been sent by the British Government, to visit the South Sea Islands; and during this voyage the great navigator visited New South Wales and anchored in Botany Bay. —

After peace had been established between England and America, in the year 1783, the British Government found that it had now no place to which the national convicts might be transported. — In this dilemma, it has been said, that the late Sir Joseph Banks recommended to His Majesty King George the third, to form an establishment at Botany Bay expressly for convicts; and, upon this suggestion,