

to the then Governor Macquarie for permission to go with the *Beig* myself along with the Missionaries; but His Excellency refused my request, at the same time, he promised that if I sent the *Active*, and she returned safe, I should then have permission to go.

I was satisfied with this answer, but felt at a loss to find a suitable person to navigate the *Beig*, because the risk of being murdered and eaten by the New Zealanders prevented several shipmasters from accepting the office. — Mr. (now Count) Dillon, who afterwards went in search of 'La Perouse', was then in Sydney (1814) and I engaged him to take the command of the *Active*.

^{or Duatara} I then wrote a letter to the Chief Duatara, whom I had known nine years before, requesting him to return with the *Beig* and to bring with him three or four Chiefs, as also to acquaint the natives that I had sent Missionaries in the vessel to see their country, and that it was my intention also to visit New Zealand provided the *Beig* returned in safety from their Coast, and that the Missionaries would then accompany me for the purpose of forming a settlement on the Island.

Under these circumstances Mr. Dillon sailed with the Missionaries, and, in due time, returned to Port Jackson without injury