

Sydney Cove July 22 1823

Fourth voyage. x

Wed July 3/24

1823. July 22

This day I embarked on board the Brampton for New Zealand with a view of visiting the Missionary stations in that Island belonging to the Church Missionary Society - The Brampton is a very fine Ship upwards of 150 tons burden - The following persons embarked with me in the service of the Society, the Rev^d Henry Williams with Mrs Williams three children and one Man and Maid Servant, Mr Fairburn his wife and two children and my own Man servant. There was also the Rev^d Mr & Mrs Turner Wesleyan Missionaries and a Mr Hobbs [Wesleyan] who are going to join their brethren in New Zealand. The day is very fine but little wind - I feel very anxious to see New Zealand once again, to observe the progress that has been made in the improvement of the poor Heathen. It is now more than two years since I left the Island; much good and much evil since that period has appeared amongst them, and many obstructions to the work of the Mission -