

Reflection

local advantages, and is one of the best missionary Stations
I have met with for a principal Settlement. Had I to select
any I should fix upon this spot. I left it with feelings

pleasing, and painful; pleasing as it respects the
interest of the mission; and painful in being

unable to see the fulfilment of the promise after four years
the prophet was directed to anoint Saul

Israel, yet he did not doubt what was right in the
the Lord; at the same time he prepared the way

after God's own heart to fill the Throne of
God will still find men who will do his work

faithfully, when other who do not are removed.

The day was very stormy - we were compelled to put into the
Island of Moturoa, as we could not reach the Spring - In

the Evening I requested Captain Moore to convey me
to Pythea, distant about seven miles - The sea ran very

high, and broke awfully grand almost across the
whole Bay - while I staid at Moturoa I endeavored

to purchase the Island from the Chief, as it is a most
excellent Station for a missionary, especially a medical

where it is situated in the middle of the Harbour, in
the very Centre of the other missionary Stations. when

I asked the Chief to sell me the Island, he said if I should
bring out res, or Hoes or Shaves &c. for the Island, all

the Islands would soon be bartered away for mats
or any other thing, and then he and his

people would be better than they were then; but
I could see that a missionary to live upon

the Island would be a permanent advantage
to them - The old Chief made many more very

judicious observations - I told him if it was in my
power I would send them a missionary at some

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