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Rev. Sir,

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with great diffidence I respectfully submit the following observations relative to New Zealand to the consideration of the Society for Missions to Africa and the East, as that Island may lie without the limits of the Society's Designs towards the Heathens - From the different Reports we have had of the natives of New Zealand; and the late communication with one of their Chiefs, who visited Port Jackson, and who appeared a very extraordinary man, possessed of the greatest natural Abilities, and expressed the most ardent Desire to improve his Subjects, according to human Estimate this Island seems to afford some Prospect for missionary labors. New Zealand & its natural Productions are little known to the civilized world - no Commerce has been carried on there further -