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If this information was incorrect, I have been mistaken in imputing negligence to Mr M —

I have now before me his last letter dated Nov. 4. 1811 — which I had mislaid when I wrote to you last — After mentioning the calamity of the ship Boyd — he says " I think it is more than probable we shall go yet after a time, God willing, — But what has concerned us most is, that we have had such a fine opportunity for learning the Language of this Colony (he means N Zealand) and never been able to embrace it, owing to the high price of vituals and every other article, which requires all our time to be spent in labour to earn a living which immediate necessity calls for" — The opportunity he alludes to is the stay of some New Zealanders at N. S. Wales who were gone at the date of his letter —

This disappointment he does attribute to Mr Marsden; but, without any comment or reflexion, he simply states his belief that the Society wd