

Mr. Tho. Black to Secretary

Kibworth Market Harboro.

Jan 5 1786

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Ans^d. Mar. 1/14. if Com^y not det. a subj. before it - that it not take him as Jan 9 14/14
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Sir /

When I met you at Leicester on 1st ultimo I much regret that I could not then make the observations I am now induced to attempt, in this letter, which I hope you will excuse my troubling you with, as I feel it my duty as a Christian to make them in the hope that they may be sometime, if not immediately beneficial towards the promotion, & extension, of Christianity, & communicating the light & blessings of the gospel to the children of darkness, which I conceive to be the chief design & object of your most worthy Society. & as I have for a long time entertained the notion, & in my own mind formed a Plan for a Settlement at New Zealand which I can not persuade myself to abandon without having submitted it to your consideration, yet at the same time I do not disapprove of your kind advice for emigrating to Port Jackson, but still I am for some reasons inclined, to prefer my original project, & am not without hopes that the Missionary Society may entertain a favourable opinion of it, & afford me some encouragement I presume that Mr Kendall wife & children were sent out at the expense of the Society & I was much disappointed, when you told me, they were not gone to New Zealand as intended & stated to be in the Norwich paper, I have read of the horrid transaction you said was the cause of their not proceeding there, & am of opinion that it was in a great measure owing to a want of proper precaution in our people, besides it is worthy of remark, that the Mission took place in the Bay of Islands, inhabited by the most ferocious tribes, & the most populous part of the Country, who have al-