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= why ~~show~~ a hostile spirit towards visitors. It is therefore my
humble opinion, that the good intentions of the Society should
not be retarded by that circumstance, & give me leave to re-
= fer you to several situations described by Capt. Cook who par-
= ticularly observes of one in Mercury Bay, which I shall to
prevent trouble, point out in his own words "If necessary
for a ship to winter here, or to stay any length of time, tents might
be built in this place, which is sufficiently spacious, with great
convenience & might be made impregnable to the whole
country, the best engineers in Europe would not have chosen a
situation better adapted to enable a small number to de-
= fend themselves against a greater." In this situation I
conceive it ^{to be} very practicable to form such an establishment
as would answer our desired end, & it is also a favourable
circumstance for ^{conversion} that the natives appear to be thereabouts
less numerous, & only occasional residents, & have according
to Capt Cook been more friendly than at most ^{other} places & at
any rate such a situation would enable a small number of
Christians to dwell in security, & defend themselves & native
friends from the attacks of the hostile, if occasion should re-
= quire, & from such a place might be had all proper intercourse
with those who were inclined to be friendly & by Example &
gentle means gain over to our opinions more few first,
& through them, extend in time our holy Faith much better
if not more rapid, than we can otherwise hope to do, for
ages to come. I can not help stating my opinion that
much mischief ^{may} have been the result of improper & incautions
intercourse with these people in latter visits, I therefore
suggest, in order to conciliate them the better, & to give them
at least, the less reason to molest, if not desire to dis-
= turb the settlers. The ^{Example} ~~case~~ of my renowned Relative when found-
= ing his Colony in Pennsylvania, of giving the utmost satisfac-