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a large ship (like the Minstrel) could not venture. Possibly a small vessel which might be procured at Port Jackson might trade in the South Seas, & another, larger, bring produce home from Port Jackson: but whether having two vessels might not much increase the expense I am not able to judge.

The project appears to me praise worthy, (tho' hazardous as to its pecuniary result) as it is likely to promote the civilization at least of Australia - by the way, if I had a new ship, that would be a good name for it.

You may expect to see me when I hear from me officially in about a week.

I am Sir Yrs sincerely
Geo. Burder