

Rev. A. Cheape to Secretary

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My dear Sir Com. Aug 19/16

Ans. Aug. 30/16 - had been absent - plan in B: perhaps too large -

Mr W. & Lead m<sup>rs</sup> out - com. when policy together - Dr.

You probably have heard from Mr Fry of the arrival of the three young men at Amberton. I advanced each of them £10 for their first quarters out of which they were to give £7.00 for their maintenance & I desired them to apply to Mr Fry for their travelling expenses for their future provision. For my reimbursement purpose drawing upon you £30 -

I have not been unmindful of the challenge with three out to Thamesborough in your last & I believe we shall have no difficulty in supplying Messrs. for New Zealand to the number & of the qualifications you have stated - viz. "half a score humble & devoted Clergymen & Settlers." There are several young men respectable in character & situation & in every respect eligible who are prepared to meet a call to this work. And I now offer myself to receive your overtures for their consideration.

I feel it also a duty to state that there is a disposition excited in our flock, which has been properly forming itself into an actual desire to embark in the same cause, of extensive influence.

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I am of opinion that a Colony for New Zealand might be drawn from hence of as many as one hundred persons of both sexes & of various conditions of life who would be ready to offer themselves up in service to the Lord as a haven for that heathen land.

There is some property amongst us. Enough I should think to provide a liberal establishment of all necessary stores for the Colony & to maintain itself when once placed there - at the most one years help or all that it could require - In revolving this matter an idea has presented itself to my mind of concerting a plan that might obtain public approbation & aid, & not also the countenance of government. I have availed myself of the liberty Mr. Wilberforce allows me in submitting it to his notice just as the thoughts occurred & I send you a copy confident that neither you nor he will disdain a wish to do good tho' the act should not be realised. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain

Remain My dear Sir

Very affectionately yours  
Andrew Cheape

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(Enclosure)

born, Augt 19/16

"Blessed are they who sow besides all Waters who send forth  
the ~~ex. and~~ the ~~off~~! - There is the happiness who under God desir-  
or who execute plans of Spiritual and Temporal good for the Hea-  
then, labor and patience being essential qualities of their  
character - perseverance in well doing the rule of their conduct  
Sudden and gen. effects should not be contemplated in  
such undertakings - That a Nation should be Born in a Day  
is with the Lord who can accomplish his special purposes with-  
out means - Man must break up the fallow ground - must till  
Sow and Water expecting the increase from the Blessing of God, and  
he will give, "some forty some fifty some an hundred fold -  
according to the good pleasure of his Will - Sure it is however that  
his Word shall prosper in that to which he sendeth it. What  
true Servant of his would desire more? "If we ask any thing according  
"to his Will, he heareth us: and if we ask, we know that we have  
"the petitions that we desired of him - A simple Devoted &  
Resigned Heart and Will, will prevent discouragement under  
difficulties and maintain the Christian Missionaries' Zeal in  
vigour; for thus are his feet shod with the preparation of the  
Gospel of Peace -  
With a Mind thus endowed selfish considerations can have  
no place - Himself being offered up Body, Soul, and Spirit in  
sacrifice of Service to the Lord, the lesser consideration of Worldly  
Property will be superseded, and that be cast into the Treasury  
with a free Heart - For an answer to a call for Heathen Missions  
must be with the Spirit of the first Christians, when no Man  
counted ought that he had his own -  
Suppose a Number of Persons animated with these Sentiments  
and disposed

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to associate themselves for the purpose of carrying the Gospel and Civilization to a Heathen Land. Would they not have the fairest prospect of success in the most blessed Cause? The advantages accompanying their oblation would far exceed those of a solitary individual or two going forth simply to Preach the Word. Carrying amongst the Barbarous People the inventions of the Arts, they would at once obtain their regard by the powerful tie of present benefits. At the same time they would exhibit to their Eyes the superior comforts of Christian and Civil Society, and their Channels of conveying valuable Knowledge with acceptance be great. They would be as a Precious Leaven insensibly diffusing their gracious and Beneficial influence through the whole Community for whom in the Lord they were willingly offered up.

These thoughts arise in alluding upon what has lately occurred respecting New Zealand. Several young People of our Block have found their Christian desires excited towards the interesting People of that Island. and there appears a facility of obtaining both Ministers and settlers for the station, more perhaps than it might be found possible to accept.

No doubt a considerable Sum of Money would be requisite to carry forward an establishment of any extended scale.

It occurs to me that as Companies are readily formed and Funds advanced for the pursuit of an object of Commercial benefit an Interest might be seen also in this matter to draw forth the aid of those who count Godliness gain. Suppose a company formed under the Denomination of the New Zealand Christian Association. The Capital Stock should consist of Shares of £100 each and proportionate  $\frac{3}{4}$ .  $\frac{1}{2}$ .  $\frac{1}{4}$ .  $\frac{1}{8}$ . The Stock would be invested in the Land, Buildings, Stores &c. on these Islands. Perhaps a Ship might be deemed eligible. The returns from the Settlement would be in Blap. If there were a Ship she would be employed as a Whaler, besides her Freight from the Island. She would have an outward Freight in perhaps chiefly

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And would seem to have a considerable advantage  
over the other South Sea Whalers, in being secured of Freight  
out, and Home - Perhaps Government might also take  
her up to carry out the convicts to Botany Bay - For a cer-  
tain period to be determined no one should be permitted  
to withdraw the Money invested: but it should bear  
Interest accumulating or rather its proportionate share of  
Profit in the way of Sums due similar to the East India  
Comp<sup>y</sup> - But it is premature to enter upon detail in a  
matter so much hypothetical - It is evident that the  
first application of the Money subscribed would be for  
the Expenses of the Voyage - the due Establishment of the  
Colony, and its maintenance for perhaps the first Year -  
Respecting the Provision of Funds the first enquiry is - What  
could the proposed Settlers do amongst themselves; -  
Secondly. What concern would the Church Missionary  
Society be induced to take in forming the Capital -  
Thirdly. What on the same score might be expected  
from the Public - Fourthly. Should Government con-  
cur to forward the Plan -