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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 remain

Remain My dear Sir

Very affectionately yours
Andrew Cheape