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~~Mr. J. B. Mackenzie to Sec. May 3^d Parvoodatta~~

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~~Dear Sir~~

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— on our arrival at Port Jackson,
 I found the merchants here had formed a determination to make a settlement at New Zealand, in order to procure Hemp &c, which that Island produces. The people were appointed, who were to form the settlement; and every other necessary preparation made, and the ship ready to sail under the sanction of the Government. ~~When~~ when, at the moment, a vessel arrived from New Zealand, bringing information that a ship called the Boyd, which had sailed from Port Jackson for Simbar to carry to India, had been burnt by the natives, and the ship's crew murdered; with the exception of about eight souls ^{persons} consisting of three boys, one girl, one woman, & three ~~men~~ ^{men}. This was very alarming news; and deterred, for the present, the merchants from their intention of forming a settlement ^{at the moment} in New Zealand.

Had this settlement been burned, it would have afforded
great Protection to the missionaries; as a regular
Communication would have been constantly kept
up between this Place and that Island. [On Saturday
last, a vessel arrived from New Zealand with
Spears, which brings a confirmation of the State of
the Bay. I saw a New Zealand woman yesterday,
who came in ^{her} the last vessel and she related the
melancholy Story to me. The Cause of this misfortune
is not yet exactly known; as the natives had, at
all times, previous to this Affair, been kind and
attentive to our People. It is generally believed here
that we have ^{been} the first Aggressors. It is said that
many of the Presents which had been given to the
young Chief Mataru, who was in England, at
the time I was there, had been stolen from him;
and also that one of our Ships, which touched there
for Supplies, had taken away the natives' Potatoes
by force, without paying them for them, as well
as Spears which the natives had presented them to

out. Tiffahwee, the Chief, was also cruelly neglected ^{May 3/10}
 and ill-treated when he was at Sydney the best time.
 The young Chief who was in England died about ten
 days before the Boyd was burnt. [“]The young man who
 came out with us, of whom I gave an account in a
~~former letter,~~ ^{“Duaterra is} so much distressed for what has happened
 at New Zealand. I believe it will be found ~~at~~ that we have
 treated the New Zealanders with the greatest injustice.
 It is much to be lamented that English men should be
 such savages as they often are, when amongst poor
 Heathens whom they imagine they have in their
 power. ~~The whaling ships, which were on the coast~~
~~of New Zealand, plundered a number of men, and made an~~
~~Attack upon the Islanders, in order to punish them~~
~~for their conduct to the Boyd and crew. Several New~~
~~Zealanders were shot, and Tiffahwee had a ball thro~~
~~his neck.~~ [“]No doubt, but various reports will be spread
 in England against the New Zealanders - but it should
 be remembered, that they have none to tell their
 story, or to represent the injuries ^{which} they have suffered

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In consequence of

From European Cruelty. ~~From~~ what has taken place,
 William Hall, his wife, and King will remain here
 at present. The ~~new~~ ^{Guatemala} ~~Sealand~~ Chief, who ~~has been~~ with
 us on board the ~~Arrow~~, is very much attached to the
 missionaries - He promises to go over to New Zealand
 and see what state his Country is in, and to return
 again ^{for them} to Port Jackson; ~~but~~ ~~Hall~~, ~~his~~ ~~wife~~ & ~~King~~
 and to bring ~~several~~ of his own People with him
 to live with me, to learn our Trades. ~~He~~ ~~wishes~~
~~the~~ ~~New~~ ~~Sealand~~ ~~warrior~~ to remain with Mr.
 Hall, he has such confidence in their Goodness and
 Affection. It will be of great service to the missionaries
 to remain here for some time, as they will acquire
 much Knowledge which may be of ~~service~~ ^{use} to them
 hereafter. As the missionaries will be very little ~~Expense~~
 if any, to the Society while they remain at this place,
 it will be better for them to continue where they are,
 till a good understanding is established again between us,
 and the New Zealanders. The merchants here
 will, I believe, endeavour to make a settlement
 on the Island if ~~they can~~ ^{it can be effected.} ~~A ship is now gone~~

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~~to examine into the affair of the boys, and with an~~
~~intention of leaving a certain number of men there~~
~~if matters can be arranged for their safety. Till that~~
~~vespel returns I cannot say what may be done.~~
~~The Ship Ann in which we came out, is going~~
~~to New Zealand to take in Shaws for India. The~~
~~difference between the New Zealanders, and Europeans~~
~~is, as far as we know, confined to one District. The~~
~~last ship which came in with Shaws met with~~
~~every attention from the natives. I am happy to~~
~~say that I have reason to be satisfied with William~~
~~Hull & John King. Mr. Hull is also a most excellent~~
~~commander what has taken place at New Zealand~~
~~has not altered ^{in the least} their intention ^{the} ^{of your letters} in the least of going~~
~~thither ^{thither} under the present circumstances, tho' they might~~
~~be safe, as they would offer no injury to the natives,~~
~~I should not think myself justified in allowing them~~
~~to go. While ^{they} Hull & King were on board the Ann,~~
~~I allowed them no time to contract habits of vices~~

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They will find no difficulty in labouring for their
Supporter in this Settlement. They will also benefit
this Colony by their Christian lives and conversation
while they remain, tho' not ~~actually~~ engaged in
the work of the mission. They shall cultivate an
Intimacy with such Mr. Teachers as are, or may
hereafter be in ^{this} Settlement, in order to prepare them
the more for their work should Divine Providence
open a way for them to proceed to that Island.
~~with respect to this Colony, I hope things will now
go on better - more order is established, and more
attention is paid to the Sabbath day, than formerly.
I am getting the schools arranged, not less than
500 children are now, in one part and another
under instruction; three of my schoolmasters
are pious men. my colleagues are men of piety
I trust we shall be very happy together, and that
God will bless our labors. I believe that the Heathen
Nations around us will be enlightened from this Colony,
and the glory of the Lord will shine upon those,
who are now sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death.~~

[The Society may be assured that every necessary attention
 shall be paid to their missionaries, and that I shall
 feel a pleasure in communicating to them such
 Knowledge as may be of use to them in future.
 Should circumstances render it necessary for them to
 continue in our islands, it is my intention to
 see if any thing can be done for the instruction of
 the natives of New Holland. I purpose to place W^m
 Hall, his wife, and ^{John} King upon a piece of land, and
 to make some little Establishment for the accommo-
 dation of our own natives, and those of the Islands
 who may visit us, and who have no Place of Protection.
 How far I may succeed I can not say as yet. I shall
 write to you again when Opportunity offers - you will
 excuse this hasty line. Present my respects to the
 Society - all our Families are well -

I have the Honor to be
 Sir your most obed^t
 humble Servant
 Sam^l Marsden