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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.