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Dear Sir

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I wrote to you little more than two months ago, informing you of our arrival at Port Jackson, and at the same time acquainted you with the reason why the missionaries remained with us. I now give you another line as you may wish to know how the missionaries are, and what prospect there is for them to go on.

This morning a person called upon me, informed me that he had just returned from New Zealand, in a vessel called the Brothers, belonging to this Port. I made some inquiries relative to the subjects, and what reception they met with upon shore. He told me that the New Zealanders had behaved to them in the kindest manner, and supplied the vessel with every necessity in their power. That they gave them a Tray of Statues for a single nail, and afforded them

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every Assistance. He further told me that ten
 of the Sailors belonging to the Brothers took one
 of the Boats, and went on Shore and began
 to destroy the growing Crop of Potatoes. The
 natives remonstrated with them; when the
 Sailors murdered one of the native men in
 the most barbarous manner, and behaved with
 the greatest Cruelty to many of the others.

Notwithstanding this act of wanton Cruelty,
 the natives did no Injury to the Vessel or
 any of the Sailors; but ~~afterwards were very~~
~~kind to them;~~ and were satisfied with the Capt.
 assuring them, that he would complain to our
 Governor, and have them punished. [I believe the
 loss of the Boyd, and the murder of her Crew,
 were in Retaliation for Acts of Cruelty and
 Fraud, which had previously been committed
 by some Europeans. I was informed by a
 Person who had resided a long time in

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~~New Zealand, that a ship or her way from
 Port Jackson to India had called to take in stores
 and had agreed with one of the Chiefs to load
 his ship with them. when the Capt. had got
 all his stores from the Chief, he sailed away and
 never paid him any thing for the Goods. The
 acts of Fraud and Cruelty committed at New Zealand
 by Europeans are undoubtedly very great. I do not
 think it prudent for the missionaries to proceed
 at present. The young Chief is living with me
 who came out in the Ann with us. he is a
 fine young man ^{Quatena} and making great progress
 both in Knowledge, and Agriculture. he
 works every day at one kind of Labour or another
 and will now do as much work in a given
 time as most men in the Colony, and as
 well. I intend that he shall get a perfect knowl-
 edge of the Culture, and management of Sugar, as
 well as different Grain, Vegetables, & Pulse.
 He assures me, that on his Return to New Zealand,~~

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He will begin to cultivate his lands as we do,
and will send over some of his People for
instruction, to live with us. He is very anxious
for Mr. King to go with him to make a
Sunday, and to preach to his People - I believe
some thing will be done for these poor Heathens,
as soon as the Vices of our own People will
allow it. Mr. Hall his wife & King are all well.
They conduct themselves with great Propriety.
They reside near me, and while they remain I do
not intend that they should be any Expence
to the Society. The Produce of their own Indust-
ry will amply provide for them. As their
Habits of Industry were kept up while on
Board a Ship, they found not the smallest Diffi-
culty in following them here - with my respectful
Compliments to the Society

I remain

Yr. Servt

Your most obed^t Servt
Saml. Marsden