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We received your kind and interesting letter with the whole of your goods on September 11<sup>th</sup> which were very acceptable to us as our dependence is chiefly upon our labours, although we have lately received part of our annual salary, for which we return our most humble and unfeigned thanks, to the Directors of the Honourable Society by whom we are patronised, —

Nothing is living with us and we each follow our respective employments as usual, some of the Otahitean Missionaries together with us has established a prayer meeting which we hold on Wednesday evenings, the Rev. Mr. Hardie has pleased to countenance it, and sometimes favours us with his company here are three natives from New Zealand which Mr. Hardie has taken into his employ, one of them appears of a ferocious-like disposition the other two are more mild and teachable, but altogether very useful — a short while ago two or three Vessels called at New Zealand in view of revenging the disastrous destruction of the Ship Boyd, forty armed men landed but with difficulty, they were convinced that if they had not taken the natives unawares they would not have been able to keep their ground which they did, and drove the natives back and killed several of them, and wounded Tipahoe in the throat — yet he made his escape with life but they plundered his House and set fire to it, although it appeared afterwards to have been done very unjustly and undeservedly, as was affirmed by a native of Otahite who was present at the massacre of the Boyd, and informs us that it was the Whangaroa party that took the Ship, and that Tipahoe rather used his influence to save some part of the crew but was utterly unable, it is evident the unhappy event took rise from Captain Thompsons injudiciously punishing and ill treating three natives which he had on board on their return home from Port Jackson — Tipahoe is now dead, being killed by the natives at Whangaroa for an elopement with one of their women — the Bay of Islands is in a state of anarchy and confusion and the