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Dear Sir,

Wm. G. B. S. Marden & Co.

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I embrace this opportunity to drop you a line, as the Society may be anxious to hear of their missionaries who are in New South Wales; I am happy to say that they conduct themselves with great propriety: Mrs. Hall is a most excellent Woman, which makes it very comfortable to her Husband & John King, they live all together, very happy & are very industrious; you will have heard of the loss of the Ship Boyde & the murder of all the Crew at New Zealand; The following is the best account I have been able to collect of that melancholy event—

“I have three New Zealanders now living with me, two of whom are sons of Chiefs. One of them was at New Zealand when this the ^{of the Boyd} ~~business~~ took place. The Captain of the Boyd, according to this man's statement, took four New Zealanders from Port Jackson; one of ^{whom} ~~them~~ was the son of a Chief of that part of the Island to which the Boyd went for Spars; he states that the Captain flogged all the four New Zealanders, on the passage from Port Jackson. When they arrived, the son of the Chief complained to his Father, of the cruelties that had been exercised on him & his companions. The old Chief, & one of his Sons, named Tiphooke, determined immediately on revenging the injuries that had been done to his son & subjects, by taking the Ship & murdering all the Crew; which they effected [Our friend Tiphooke was no way concern'd in this business, from the best accounts we can obtain. The Boyd did not put in at any part of his Dominions. & he happened to arrive with a cargo of fish, which he owed to the Chief of that part where the Boyd was taken] just at the time ^{that} the business had

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taken place. Five men had run up into the
 rigging, to save themselves. Tippakee called
 them down, & told them to come into his canoe
 if he would save them: the sailors got into
 his canoe: Tippakee carried them immediately
 on shore, but was followed by the enraged
 party, overpowered, & all the men murdered.
 Tippakee did all he could to save our Countrymen,
 but was afterward shot thro' the neck, & many
 of his subjects killed by parties landed from the
 Whalers, & the whole of his Island on which his
 Houses stood destroyed. He is since dead. His
 Son who was in England at the time I was in
 London, died ^{from disease} nine days previous to the arrival
 of the Boydey. ~~from disease~~ Our sailors have
~~wantonly destroyed their potatoe plantations &~~
~~committed many acts of violence & fraud upon~~
~~these people, before even the Boydey went there, &~~
~~since it appears that the innocent New Zealanders~~
~~have been punished for the guilty. [It is general~~
~~believed here, that the whole that has happened to~~
~~the Boydey has been owing to the conduct of~~
~~the Europeans themselves. I have conversed with~~
~~many who have been at New Zealand, some~~
~~before & some since the affair of the Boydey; but~~
~~they all concur in one opinion, that we are the~~
~~aggressors. I am still persuaded that Divine~~
~~Goodness has some gracious intentions toward~~
~~this noble Race of Human Beings. These~~
~~these men are now living in my House, two of~~
~~them, sons of Chiefs & one a common man; I~~
~~am instructing them in Agriculture & other useful~~
~~knowledge. Duraterra who came out with us in~~
~~the Ann, has formed the strongest attachment to~~
~~John King, he loves him exceedingly & entreats~~
~~me to allow him when opportunity offers to accom~~

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pany him to New Zealand; in short the ~~missionaries~~ ^{missionaries} are forming intimate acquaintance with these people: Duaterra has made great improvement of his time, he has acquir'd much useful knowledge while he has been with me, I have no doubt but time will open a way for the Civilization of these people: The missionaries will go on whenever it is thought prudent for them to do so, they seem ~~to have no other wish~~. [I have sown two acres of Flax, which are ^{now} growing; as soon as this is ready, it is my intention to set John King to teach the New Zealanders, how to spin Line & make rope, as this will apply to their immediate wants. Port Jackson will be the proper place to begin the instruction of these people, both in Religion, morals, Arts, & Commerce. They are very attentive, sober, & willing to learn all they can. I shall be happy to have a School form'd for them in this place, where they may be taught every thing that may be of use to them, in their present state: I mean the simple Mechanics, Agriculture, & the knowledge of the Scriptures. [Nothing can be ^{effectually} done with the natives of the South Sea Islands, ~~effectually~~ without the means of keeping up a constant communication with them from Port Jackson. The missionaries can neither be safe nor comfortable, without this. A communication cannot be maintained without a Ship. I have written to Mr. Hurdcastle upon this subject, in consequence of the missionaries from Tahiti being near here, & wishing to return. One Vessel, of about 150 or 200 Tons, would visit all the Islands in these Seas, be a protection to the missionaries, & bring such natives to & from Port Jackson as may from time to time wish to go in her. The produce of the Islands brought to Port Jackson & sold, would pay all expences. If I had the means within my own power, I would not hesitate one moment upon this plan. It is what I have recommended for the last few years, & I wish

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some of the Merchants in London would under-
 take to fit out a Vessel for this service; not on the
 account of any public Society, but on their
 own private account. This would be doing more
 towards promoting the instruction of the natives in
 these Seas, than ^{can be otherwise effected by} all the Money ^{which} they may throw
 into any public purse. We will readily, in this
 Colony, second any plan of this nature, ^{so} far as
 our exertions & means will extend. I can answer
 for myself & Friends here to the amount of £1,500.
 The missionaries would then be safe in the Islands.
 There would be something to call forth their indus-
 try, & that of the Natives: viz. the collecting the
 natural productions of the Islands, & sending them
 to Markets. They would ~~be~~ be able to supply
 all their own wants independently of the Societies
 to which they belonged. The most friendly intercourse
 would ~~be~~ be kept up between Port Jackson & all
 the Natives of the different Islands. The South
 Sea Whalers would also be safe, when they wanted
 supplies from New Zealand. [I wish some of the
 Gentlemen would turn this subject over in their own
 minds. Be assured it is of vast importance to
 the cause of the Missions. I think the ~~expense~~
 risk of the expense comparatively nothing, to the benefits
 which may be expected to result from it. The
 Vessel might bring a Cargo of Goods to Port Jackson,
 which would probably nearly pay for the Ship &
 first outfit. ~~A list of articles that would be~~
~~certain to sell here I have transmitted to Mr.~~
~~Hardcastle.~~ If any thing should happen to prevent
 the Vessel from being employ'd in the above service
 she might return by way of Rio, & take a Freight
 from thence to England, or from this Colony.
 Perhaps what I have said upon this subject
 may appear foreign to the views of the Society.
 But, believe me, they are not foreign to the ground

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object ~~they~~ have in view. private individuals
 may do what may not be so proper for a public
 Body: 2 If, if any private merchants would
 undertake this, I think they would not have
 cause to repent. 3 I am sure a Cargo to
 Port Jackson would nearly indemnify them
 for the expence. [However, whether any plan, such
 as I have recommended be adopted, or not, I
 shall make it my study to promote the great
 cause, as Divine Providence may give me opportunity
 may I request you to present my best respects to
 the Society, & I pray the great head of the
 Church to direct them in all their undertaking,
 & further their Labour, with his eternal
 blessing

I have the honor to be,

Rev^d Sir,

Your most. Obedt. Hble Servant

Samuel Marsden

Parramatta
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To

Rev^d. Jos. Pratt