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I beg leave to lay before you, the following observations which occurred to me relative to the Missionary Settlements in the Bay of Islands, during my residence there.

The oldest Settlement of the Church Missionary Society in the Bay is at Rangeehoo. It is near a large and populous native Town, called Tapoonah. within the distance of seven miles from this Missionary station, there are eight, or ten Villages all of which a Missionary may visit by a pleasant walk, and in every village a number of Children, and Adults may daily be collected together for Instruction. This place I consider to be a grand Station for active, and extensive Missionary Operations.

The natives about this Settlement have made considerable advance in civilization. It is four years since I first saw the place, in which period a change for the better is, to me, quite visible. I consider Rangeehoo a very suitable place for a School for civil and Religious Instruction.

The second Station is at Kiddee Kiddee, but is called on the Map in the Missionary Register Gloucester. it is on the West side of the Bay of Islands, within twelve or twenty miles of this Settlement there are several very extensive and populous Native Towns, and Villages, in which are Hundreds, and Thousands of Inhabitants ready to receive useful instructions and I hope even the word of Life, from the Servants of God, indeed it may be truly said with respect to this place and the Bay of Islands in general that the fields are white already to Harvest, indeed double the number of Missionaries your Society has hitherto sent to New Zealand, may be fully, and usefully employed in the Bay alone, and I have no doubt but the natives will by, and by be brought to a knowledge of the living, and true God.

A number of Native youths in these Stations can repeat the Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Lords Prayer, and several Hymns in their own tongue, and can unite in singing the praises of the Lord. Any person