

Ship

boat about thirty foot keel. But we have more extensive nautical views. In considering the wishes of the Committee in the reestablishment of the Seminary at Parramatta for the New Zealand youths. it is evident their conveyance must be very uncertain. very limited and also very expensive. but these perhaps are amongst the least of what appears to us. The Natives are increasing daily in their desire of seeing the Colony, and being an enterprising people. in order to gratify their strong desires. they prevail with some Captain to take them on board who makes them pay extravagantly either in Pigs. or dollars - and the Society into which they are thrown. is universally of the worst kind. they soon fall into their habits and the Seaman being unconstrained delight in leading them into great abominations. sad examples can be produced of the evils of their communication and intercourse with the seamen who haunt in these Harbours -

In order then to counteract these evils. one has seriously considered the expediency of having a vessel of a hundred tons. to be built here. by the present carpenters Puckey and Fairburn with the assistance of the Natives. Timber is brought to the spot for less than an ox a log - timbers and knees may be cut by Puckey - she may be iron fastened - & built for comparatively a small sum. And lest the expense should be considered great. I would undertake to navigate her to the Colony. & back. once a year which need not exceed six weeks or two months - and we consider that two English seamen. would be sufficient to belong to her and when she might be in this Harbour one of the Men. or both might be engaged