

territories and by urging our Government to take those steps which we desire to see pursued by the Government of the United States. Finally, whilst careful to employ the just and reasonable means in our power, we may at times be enabled rightly to supplicate the great Preserver of men, without whose favour all our efforts must prove abortive, that he would be graciously pleased to soften the hearts of the oppressors, and to crown our labours with success.

OF THE ISLANDS IN THE PACIFIC.

OUR beloved Friend Daniel Wheeler, on his return to this country, personally confirmed the sad accounts which had been previously received of the grievous effects resulting in the Sandwich and Society Isles, and other islands of the Pacific Ocean, from the intercourse of Europeans with the natives.

Ardent spirits, disease, gunpowder and fire-arms have been spread amongst them, especially in the island of New Zealand; a dreadful decrease of the population has ensued; and in many instances, the Christian efforts of those who have gone forth to spread the knowledge of the Gospel of peace and salvation have been mournfully counteracted.—*Report from the Meeting for Sufferings to the Yearly Meeting, 1838.*

This affecting subject has from time to time obtained the attention of the Aborigines' Committee of the Meeting for Sufferings; and a sub-committee has been appointed to collect and circulate information relative to it, and to confer with the principal merchants of London engaged in the South Sea trade. The committee has just published a small tract selected from the letters and journal of Daniel Wheeler, entitled "Effects of the Introduction of Ardent Spirits and Implements of War amongst the Natives of some of the South Sea Islands and New South Wales." Any friends at the out-ports or elsewhere, who may know of suitable channels for its distribution amongst merchants and other persons connected with the South Seas, may obtain a supply for the purpose on applying to William Manley.

THE END.