

June 18/13

8. Rev. Samuel Marsden to Secretary

Barren after June 18. 1813

Rev. I Dear Sir

Read at Com. Mar. 14/14.

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I have the Happiness to inform you that my New Zealand Friend, Teaterra has at length, after undergoing unknown Hardships, arrived at his native Island. He has been received with great marks of Esteem, and appointed King at the Bay of Islands. He has begun his Operations of Agriculture, and I have no Doubt but he will prepare the way for his Countrymen to receive the Blessings of the Gospel of Christ. I was greatly rejoiced when I first received the above Information, about two months ago. I have since sent him a Quantity of Seed wheat, and some Tools of Agriculture with other necessities. Teaterra is a very uncommon Character. His moral Character blameless, his mind is wholly bent upon establishing a Sabbath Day at New Zealand, and upon introducing the Knowledge of the Supreme Being. While he lived with me he acquired all the Knowledge he possibly could with a view of imparting it to his People; and understands many of the ~~Operations~~