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Capt. James Gordon, to Rev. S. Marsden.

Sydney New South Wales

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Dear Sir:

I now sit down to comply as far as lays in my Power with your Request of Information respecting the New Zealanders, and those Circumstances which occurred at the Bay of Islands in New Zealand previous to the Massacre of the Crew of the Ship Boyd, and tho' not an Eye-Witness to the Outrage, you will perceive on reading this that I had my Information from the most undoubted Authority. —

In the Winter of 1808 the New Zealand Chieftain Tippahoe arrived in this Port in the Brig Commerce from the Bay of Islands, and as he was paid particular Attention to, by W Campbell I had very frequent Opportunities to see him. — In the Month of August or September following the Ship Elizabeth, Capt. Bodie arrived from the Fishery off the Coast of New Zealand; on the Day of his Arrival W Campbell & Family dined out, and no Person at Home but W. K. Campbell Junr. and myself we asked Capt. Bodie and Capt. Cockrell to dine with us, and about 10 minutes before Dinner Tippahoe accidentally was passing thro' the Yard and I asked him also. — While sitting at Table I observed that Capt. Bodie and Tippahoe were not very good Friends, and that the latter appeared very