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Rev. S. Marsden to Secretary
Peter Marsden June 23^d 1813 - 9

Dear Sir

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Read at Com. Mar. 14/14.

Since I closed my letter Captain Parker has come in from the Coast of New Zealand with a full ship of sperm oil, belonging to the House of Mr Bennett of London. He gives me the most flattering account of Quaterma's kindness and attention to him, - he would have loaded his ship with fine potatoes if he could have taken them - Quaterma supplied him abundantly with fire wood, Spars and Potatoes. All he wanted was brought to his ship. A great chief named Terna, and uncle to Quaterma, wants the Europeans very much to go and live with him - A young man, a native of America I conversed with yesterday, ^{who} has been living for a year or more with the natives at New Zealand he left the Island with Capⁿ Parker - He tells me, that there is no danger from the natives that they shew the greatest Attention to him

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I am also that he would be very glad to go to live at New Zealand, if any Europeans would go with him. I am fully resolved to open a communication some way or other with these natives - I have had much conversation with the Governor about it, and his Excellency I am fully confident will promote this desirable object. The Connection I have formed with the Natives, from several living in my House at different times, will open a way for a further Intercourse with them in time, and I hope to see the Arts of Civilization, and the Gospel of Jesus introduced into this great Island, and the natives advancing to Peace and Comfort. when Captain Parker returns to England which will be as soon as he has refreshed his Ships Company, I will write to you again - and request Captⁿ Parker to wait upon the Society in order that the Society might ask him any Questions they may think good for their Information - These numerous poor Heathens must not be forgotten in these wonderful

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Days - when God hath scoured up the hearts of thousands
to prepare his way. amongst the different nations of
the earth, where his name had not been known -

I have the honor to be
Rev. Sir your most obed^t
humble servant
Samuel Marsden

Rev. J. Pratt -