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We have purchased a ²¹⁰ House and a good Garden & Orchard for the accommodation of my family near to Mr Marsden's House also two cows. I have taken as good care of my family as I can. Three of my eldest children go to School.

A young man, a native of New Zealand, whose name is Topi has been with me about a month. He can speak English a little, and we can now begin to understand each other tolerably well. I am trying to learn the language, and Topi who knows what I want, makes himself to be as clearly understood as possible. He says he will return with me in the Octave and dwell with me. The New Zealanders are certainly a fine race of men, and much superior in point of mental capacity to any Savages which I have hitherto seen. Topi is strongly attached to my servant Richard Stockwell (a young man who was recommended to my care by some Clergyman at Bristol) he calls himself his Brother.

One object in going at this time to New Zealand is to see whether it would be prudent for us to take our families from New South Wales and reside there. In case the prospect is ~~clear~~ ^{fair}, Governor Macquarie has promised to give us all the support in his power.

Be pleased to present my kind and affectionate regards to the Society of Clergymen who meet at St John's Bedford Row. You will also have the goodness to inform Mr Pratt that I intend to forward the letter which I have prepared for him at the next opportunity, it is nearly similar to yours, but I think it advisable to send it by the next ship as it will answer the purpose of a duplicate.

Mr Marsden has a great many enemies in this colony & too much business upon his hands

and am Rev & Dear Sir
Dutifully & faithfully Yours
(Signed) Tho^s. Kendall