

Rev. S. Marsden, to the Secretary ²⁷

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Rev Sir

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I have long wished for an opportunity to bring forward some of the masters of vessels who visit the Islands in the South Seas, for their wanton Cruelties, Robberies and murders, of the natives in order to put a stop to these Acts of violence in future, as far as possible. A few months ago I received information that the master of a vessel from Port Jackson had treated a New Zealander very ill, by beating him cruelly, stripping him naked, and taking from him what little property he had acquired by acting as a sailor on board. These Acts took place in the Bay of Islands. I wrote an official letter to the Governor (a copy of which I here with transmit) when the master of the vessel arrived, requesting that his Excellency would cause an inquiry to be made, which was done. I immediately brought forward another master of a vessel upon a similar charge. The facts which I circumstantiated, induced his Excellency