

Mr Thomas Kendall to the Secretary of the Society of the Bay of Islands

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My dear Sir,

Com. Nov. 14/14

15 Jan 1814
Ans. Dec. 16/14 by the Northampton.

I gladly avail myself of the opportunity of transmitting to you by Mr James Hay an account of my proceedings while upon a Voyage from Port Jackson to Van Diemen's Land and New Zealand commencing March the 7th 1814.

Upon my arrival in New South Wales in the month of October last Mr Wm. Marsden expressed his desire that I should without delay give myself up to the work to which I had the honor and happiness to be appointed by the Honble Committee of the Church Missionary Society, and His Excellency Governor Macquarie was pleased to signify his concurrence with him respecting my departure and a passage was procured for me at the earliest opportunity. There are no regular means of conveyance between Port Jackson and New Zealand it was consequently necessary either to hire a private vessel solely for the purpose of forwarding the benevolent designs of the Society. Mr Marsden at first pitched upon the Elizabeth (a small schooner) as a proper vessel and proposed to pay for her hire (according to my recollection) one hundred pounds per month the crew being at the expense of venturing and Navigating her. The Honble Agent however refused to make an agreement with Mr Marsden unless he would likewise consent to bear