

W. Hall to J. Pratt, 15 June 1814

Brig Active New Zealand June 15th 1814

Rev^d Sir/

The Brig James Hay has just touched at New Zealand on her way to England and I gladly embrace the opportunity of sending a few lines for your information— my friend M^r Kendall and I have arrived at the Bay of Islands New Zealand on the 9th of June— and we must say that we have met with a more friendly reception than we expected we have met with Duaterra and he was very much pleased that we had come to see him and his people we went ashore under his protection and from our knowledge of the Language we are able to make them understand us almost upon any common subject we talked to them in their own language and told them that we loved them very much and that we would come and live with them and bring our wives and families if they would not injure them, and I told them that I was a Carpenter and that I would build them large houses and fine Canoes, and they seemed very much pleased with the Idea and expressed their joy by saying “Nuee nuee rungateeda pakehaa— a very great Gentlemen white man— [f] We likewise told them that we would cultivate their land and sow wheat and corn and plant potatoes which they were very pleased with and my friend M^r Kendall told them that he would teach their children to read books and with all our proposals they seemed very much pleased. I collected two boxes of young fruit trees of various kinds such as peaches apples Quinces at the Derwent and brought them over alive and I have given them to Duaterra and he has

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planted them— I also brought near three bushels of wheat and a hundred weight of potatoes which I have sent ashore to be planted—
the James King is heaving her anchor and going out so that I am obliged to close my letter but I hope Dear Sir to give you a more satisfactory [sic]

Yours sincerely

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