

Mr William Hall to the Secretary

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Dear Sir / The Brig James Harg 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 Mr 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 Tuatava  
 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 surpatea a pakihaa - a very  
 great Gentleman white man"



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De 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 Mr Kendall  
told them that he would teach their children to read books  
and with all our proposals they received very much pleasure  
I collected two boxes of <sup>young</sup> fruit trees of various kinds such  
as peaches apples Quinces at the Serwent and brought  
them over alive and I have given them to Guaterra  
and he has 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 galleon Stags 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

Yours sincerely  
Wm Hall