

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 rumpateea pakihaa - a very great Gentleman white man"