

Rev. J. Maunden to Genl.

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Dear Sir

Com. Mar. 13/15

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I must now write to you upon the subject of a pecuniary nature. I am aware that the mission which is a very great undertaking, will be attended with a very heavy Expence. In taking the Steps I have done, I do not feel altogether warranted by the Society merely, or Account of the Sum it will require at first to make a beginning. After the mission is once established, I do not think that it will be attended with any extraordinary expence. The Society must keep a vessel constantly employed: not only for the safety and comfort of their missionaries, but also for the improvement of the natives of the Island. By keeping up a constant Communication with Port Jackson the natives will improve very fast in all useful Knowledge. Unless the Society has a vessel, of their own, or at least some Friends of the Society, that attention will not be paid to the natives that will be necessary till a firm Establishment is made. I have no doubt, but the Lord will in his good Providence provide the means - "The Silver and the Gold are his, and so are the Cattle upon a thousand Hills." upon this I rest my

Hope of meeting with support from the Christian world.
 I shall be obliged to draw upon the Society for present
 aid. and I trust they will honour my bills should
 they in any way disapprove of what I have done. I
 shall not draw for any sum, but what I shall make
a provision for in this Colony should any of my
bills be dishonoured. Every kind of naval stores are
 very dear in this Settlement, from one to two or three
 hundred per-cent, more than what they are in England.
 on this Account the fitting out a Vessel is very great -
 The Society will take into their kind Consideration the importance
 of the object of this undertaking; the temporal and eternal
 Happiness of millions of the human Race. Some
 Sacrifices of a pecuniary nature must be made -
 I would also just remind them, that no Act of violence
 has been committed in any part of New Zealand either
 any European, where any of the natives live, that
 are acquainted ^{with} my Friend Quatana - Ships may
 now put into the Bay of Islands for refreshments
 with safety. This is an object of some importance
 even for our own People. I have had the most ardent

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wish for some years past to see this Island receive
the Blessings of Civilization and the Gospel. and now trust
the time is come when this great work will be entered
upon. Had the Active returned without obtaining the
object of her voyage, it was my intention to have sold
her immediately, and not have called upon the Society
for any money upon her Account - but as the object
of the voyage has been more than answered, I cannot
now withdraw, but must go on as long as my means
will permit me. When I purchased the vessel, she
was then bound to the Perment or Government
Account, which made the voyage altogether ten
weeks longer than it otherwise would have been
and consequently increased the Expences. She had a
larger Complement of Sea men the last voyage
than what she will ever want again - As I did not
think it prudent to send the vessel without a sufficient
Number of men to protect her, in case any unforeseen
Circumstance had taken place. She will now be navigated
in a great measure with the natives of New Zealand, and
her Expences will not be on that Account so great -
I trust the Return she will make by bringing the

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natural Productions to Port Jackson will go very far
towards paying her our Expenses. But this I shall
know when I have visited the Islands and examined
the Productions myself - The vessels returns may one
way and another be the voyage of 200. I wish it to be
clearly understood, that I did not purchase the Active upon
the Credit of the Society - as I did not feel warranted in
doing this. I am willing to take the whole Responsibility
of the Purchase upon myself - If the Society, or any Friend
of the Society are inclined to take her, or any share in her
she is at their Service. I have only one object, which is the
good of the Heathen: and such an opportunity as the
present of doing them good should not be lost for the
want of money. I hope to be able to give you an Account
of what the annual Expenses may probably be, on my
Return from Mr. Ledland, as I shall do all in my Power
to lessen the Expenses - and if I can make the natural
Productions of the Island pay the expenses of the mission
(of which I entertain some Hopes,) I shall be very happy.

Rev?
J. P. Smith
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I have the honor to be
Rev. Sir
your most obed. humble Servant
Wm. Marsden