

and is now in the form - I shall give them some of the Cloth to take with them - This has performed them much - I shall send a little also to you for the Society to see - I am & am sure I shall be glad to see you -
I have else some of the same -
Rev. S. Marsden to feet. 54
Parvannattu Sep. 30. 1816

Dear Sir
Com. Mar. 13/15
Recd. Mar. 8/15 by the Seringapatam Whaler
Ans. Aug. 12/15 by the Ocean

It may be necessary for me to acquaint you with my intentions relative to the final Arrangement and Settlement of the Missionaries at New Zealand, for the Information of the Society - I intend Mr Kendall to devote the whole of his time to the Acquisition of the native Language, and in educating the Children; and to depend upon the Society for the Supply of all his necessary wants - He is now making considerable Progress in the Language. I also intend Mr Galt should be employed in putting up the necessary Buildings for all the Missionaries, and the Public School, for which purpose I must engage one Carpenter and one Pair of Sawyers to assist him till this work is done. He will also occasionally be employed in collecting Timber to load the Schooner for her to bring to Port Jackson - and in Agriculture. Mr King will have to attend his Wax Dressing, and Shoe making &c I wish them all clearly to understand their respective Duties and to interfere with one another as little as possible as they will have no Head present to settle any little Differences that might arise amongst them -

4⁴⁰ The Place where they settle upon I shall purchase from
one of the Chiefs; and also a Piece of Land for the Purposes
of feeding Stock or Cultivation. Messrs. Hall & King have
acquired much useful Knowledge in New South Wales
which will now be of very essential Service to them.
They will be able to apply themselves to Cultivation, or any
other work that their Situation may require them to
perform. I consider the time well spent that they have
been here; tho' I have had the most ardent wish for
the establishment of the mission; - on my Return from
New Zealand I shall then be better able to speak upon these
Points - It will also be a grand Object with me to promote
Agriculture amongst the Chiefs as much as possible.
When their necessary wants are supplied, they will
be more disposed to lay aside their warlike Habits, and to
attend to the simple Arts of Civilization. Tuatara is
fully confident if he can only obtain Iron, in three or
four years, the whole Island will be supplied with
Bread - He says, it is not long ago since the first
Potatoes were brought to the Island, and now they are
cultivated in every Part, and have proved the greatest
Blessing to the natives - one Pege was only put on
Shore by Mr. Turnbull, Master of a whaler, and

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now they have a great number, - and take great care
of them. I supplied him at different times with wheat,
but it was either lost in the Vessels, or never landed and
given to him. when he first got Home, I supplied him
with seed. He immediately explained the value of the
wheat to the different Chiefs, and gave them all a part,
with whom he was acquainted - reserving some for himself.
The Chiefs put the wheat into the ground, and had many
consultations about it, but when it was near ripe, they
thought Quaterra had imposed upon them; and had told them
some fine stories, as a Traveller. They examined the roots
but not finding the grain as they expected, growing like
the potatoe; they set fire to all their crops, and burnt
the whole. Quaterra was very much distressed at this
circumstance, as he could not prevail upon them to give
credit to what he said. He reaped his own wheat, and thrashed
it, and shewed it to the Chiefs, but still they would not believe
that it would make bread. At this time the Jefferson
whaler arrived in the Bay of Islands commanded by
a Mr. Harris, and to whom I had given a letter to
Quaterra recommending the Master to his kind attention.
Quaterra now borrowed a Pepper mill from Mr. Harris
to shew his Country men by grinding the wheat, it

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would make bread. But the mill was so small he could
not produce a sufficient quantity so as to remove their prejudice.
By the Active I sent a new supply of wheat, and a wheat mill
to Tuaterua - when he got this mill, he immediately
ground some wheat - when they saw the flour come
from the mill they shuddered for joy - He told me he
afterwards made them a cake in the frying pan,
gave each a piece, which fully proved the truth of his
former assertion, that wheat would make bread, this was
the highest gratification. Tuaterua had about two Acres and an
half of wheat growing when the Active sailed from the
Bay of Islands. He had had for nearly two years the
prejudices of all his Countrymen to contend with relative
to the Cultivation of wheat - The Peas were also dug up by
the Chiefs, as they thought to find them at the roots like the
Potatoes. All their Requests are for Tools of Agriculture -
I took them to a Stocking weaver, to show them how
Stockings were made, they were much astonished with the
loom, Tuaterua told me, Does they want, and not Stockings -
They could do without Stockings at present, if they could only
get bread. I shall do all I can to encourage them in
Agriculture - and have no doubt but in a little time
they will have plenty of Provisions - I desired Mr. Kendall
to bring a little New Zealand War, which I have had shown before the Chiefs