

S. Marsden to J. Pratt, 30 September 1814

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Rev^d Sir,

This will be delivered to you by M^r E. Bunker Master of the Seringapatam Whaler, now lying in Sydney Cove; but belonging to the Port of London. M^r Bunker was the first Master of a Vessel who landed at New Zealand, after Captain Cooke [sic] had visited that Island— he is well acquainted with the Island and the Natives and can give the Society every Information they may wish to obtain— I beg to refer the Society to M^r Bunker, as his Testimony may be depended upon. He is one of the Gentlemen who surveyed the Active— and knows what my Plans are, so far as relates to the safe Settlement of the Missionaries on New Zealand. M^r Bunker will soon after his arrival, return to New South Wales again; probably Master of some Vessel. By him, the Society may send out any thing they wish for he is a very careful man.— [f] I shall transmit a List of such Articles as will be wanted and if they can be forwarded by M^r Bunker it will be a great object for promoting the good of the Settlement— He will take them as Freight, or some other way I have no doubt—

I am d^r Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Sam^l Marsden

Rev^d J. Pratt—