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Rev. S. Mendenhall to the Rev. Parrumatta Oct. 12. 1814

Dear Sir

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I shall now give you a list of the names of the Chiefs that are at Parrumatta at present, and their servants -

Tuaterua is Chief, and possesses considerable influence -  
Minghee - Tuaterua's uncle - commands 14 Districts  
Caro-Caro, A warlike Chief on the opposite shore in the Bay  
Touhi - brother to Caro - Caro - a fine young man, of good parts,  
speaks English very fast. His father was Priest -  
Repreiro - son of Minghee - a fine boy  
Warrakie - A common man  
Mowhee - Jitto - reads and writes the English language -  
Pykie - Servant to Tuaterua -  
Jinnana - a fine young man, learning to make nails &c.  
Whyattoo - A common man -

I shall send you some of the writings of Mowhee  
he is at this moment ~~copying~~ taking a copy of  
a general order issued by Governor Macquarie  
relative to the natives of the South Sea Islands.  
which I intend to inclose -

I have sent a box with a matt. or two in it -  
you will find two for Lady James Gambier,  
and one for Lord Gambier. what are not  
addressed you will take yourself - To show  
the Society the ingenuity of the natives of  
New Zealand, I have sent a post of Minghee

Some of the Chiefs are much tattooed - I told  
 Shunghee one day, I wanted his Head to send to  
 England, and that he must either give me his  
 Head, or make one like it of wood. He asked me  
 for an Iron Hoop; made himself a Tool about  
 five Inches long, like a Plane Iron, and tied an  
 Handle to it - took the End of an old Post, and very  
 soon made the Bust which I have sent in the  
 Box directed to you. The Lines and marks of the  
 Face are exact - and the whole is a good likeness  
 of himself. His Face is something fuller, and this  
 was owing to the Post being rather too small,  
 which he took to form the Likeness of himself of.  
 Shunghee is a very fine Character; appears  
 uncommonly mild in his manners, and very  
 polite, and well behaved at all times - His Districts  
 are some distance from the Bay of Islands in  
 the interior, he had begun the Cultivation of wheat  
 which I had sent to Waateroa -

Coro - Coro lives on the Coast - Inseper several  
 war Canoes, he informs me that he takes a trading  
 Voyage sometimes for four moons - and goes in  
 his Canoes from the north, to the South Cape  
 of New Zealand. He describes the South Cape  
 as very cold, and stormy, and at certain seasons  
 there is much Snow, and Hail -

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I am after much entertained with the Accounts they give of their Country, and manners.

Zooki, is very quick at learning - he is of great assistance to Mr. Kendall in the Language - From his natural Abilities, and the Authority of his Friends and Connections, he may prove a great Advantage to the Mission - A few nights <sup>ago</sup> after Family worship one of my Children told me Zooki could say the Lord's Prayer - I was much surprised at this, and called him to me, and asked him to repeat what he knew - He immediately repeated a considerable part, very distinctly I explained the meaning of it to him, and he seemed to enter into it very much. Should the Lord in his great Goodness make known to him the way of Life, he would be a great man. After conversing with him for some time upon Religion, I told him he would be a Priest, and since his Father had been a new England Priest, he would be an English one. He was much pleased with what I said. He spends much time with Mr. Kendall, who is very partial to him - The Friendship seems to be strong on both sides. The Chiefs coming over to Port Jackson, will I trust lay a firm Foundation for the work of the Mission; and secure the Comfort and Safety of those who may be employ'd in the work - was I young, and free, I should offer myself to this work - it would be my joy - and Delight -

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we shall sail if all is well in the beginning of next  
month. At present Bread is very scarce - wheat  
is at most two Pounds per Bushel, which will make  
our outfit expensive - If we were to remain here till  
after Harvest, when wheat would be cheap, it would  
not be any saving of Expense, as both the New  
Zealanders and Messrs Company must have bread  
while they remain, and the families of the missionaries  
also - I believe I have now given you all the Inform-  
ation necessary at present - I have not drawn as yet  
for any money for Messrs Kendall, Hall and King  
and I believe I shall not by this Conveyance -  
The Letters, and Box are committed all to the Care  
of Captain Mearns - I have sent you this by a  
Passenger, a very quiet man who has lived in  
this Colony many years, and has always behaved  
well - His moral Character has been very good -  
which may be some Satisfaction to his Friends

I have the honor to be  
Rev. Sir

Your most obed<sup>t</sup>

humble Servant

Saml. Marsden

Rev. J. Pratt