

Mr William Hall to Deputy Secretary

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(Recd. Feb. 15, by the Serungaparam Whaler. ✓)

Dear Sir / I can now inform you with some degree of pleasure that Mr. Ferrell and myself has visited S. Bealand and that we have found it very much to our satisfaction - these natives seem rather strange with us at first but after we made them acquainted with our intentions they became quite familiar with us, and we did not hesitate to go twelve or fourteen miles into the interior of the country and sleep all night amongst them we stayed at the Bay of Islands six weeks and went ashore amongst the natives nearly every day I told them that I would come and live amongst them and make them large ^{an} europe houses and that I would make boats and canoes and they were very much pleased with the idea, and after we had pitched upon a place that we thought the most eligible to begin the settlement upon, the party that it belonged to were very much

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pleased with us, and seemed very desirous for us
 to go and live there, and another party that lived
 at some distance seemed quite offended because
 we would not go and live upon their district -
 We brought seven natives along with us to Fort-
 Jackson three of whom are Chiefs - we have treated
 them very well and they are become very familiar
 with us, and they will return with us when we
 return which we expect will be in the course
 of two or three weeks after this date - The vessel
 is now fitting out in this Harbour and going direct
 for New Zealand - with Mr Kendall and his family
 John King and his Wife and Child, my Wife and
 little boy and myself - and Mr Morden says he
 will go with us to see New Zealand - We must
 unavoidably be a great expence upon the Society
 although for my part, ^{I have been} taken out of my employment
 these eight months past and have received no
 assistance in any respect whatever - I have said
 that I would draw as little upon Mr Morden as

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I could, but on account of the great distance we are
from the Society, that we shall be all under the necessity
of having immediate support. We go relying upon
the strength for protection, and we hope under
Divine direction likewise - for my part I mean
to exert myself in the erection of a hut or house
for each family and I hope the Lord will bless us
with health, and proportionate our strength to
our labours - I mentioned in a former letter
that I should like to have a Gun as a kind of defence
as there is nothing the Indians so much dread as
the sight of a Gun, and to make it more immediately
useful it ought to be one that would kill ducks
at the distance of 60 yards, as the rivers abound
with these valuable fowls and my Gun is too short
and too light for the purpose - and if you will have
the goodness to procure it with a quantity of Duck
shot and send it by the first conveyance I will
take it as a particular favour - Mr Hall joins
me with our best respects to Mr Smith
and remain Dear Sir your most Obedt Servt
In Christ - Wm Hall

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