

Mr William Hall to Deputy Secretary
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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 - the natives seems 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 mostly 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