

Copy of an Official from Mr Secretary Campbell  
to the Rev. Samuel Marsden.

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Rev. Sir

Being now on the eve of your departure for  
the Islands of New Zealand, And His Excellency the Governor, being  
anxious to promote the interests of the Crown, conjointly with those of the  
Christian Religion, on this Occasion wishes to avail himself of your  
superior Activity, Zeal, and intelligence, For this purpose His Excellency  
desires you will explore as much of the Sea Coasts, and the interior of these  
Islands, as your limited time, a due regard to your personal safety, and  
that of your associates, and the other circumstances of your mission will  
reasonably admit.

By these means you will be enabled to form a correct judgment  
of the nature, and quality of the soil, its various productions, and its general  
capabilities, And your Observation with regard to the Coasts, will furnish you  
with the means of appreciating the relative advantages of the Harbours, as  
connected with the productions of the interior, Those Harbours, which possess  
plentiful Supplies of fresh water, with safe Anchorage for Shipping,  
will necessarily claim your particular attention.

Should a Satisfactory Report be made to His Excellency,  
on the foregoing particulars, he will feel it his duty to represent it  
to His Majesty's Government, which may probably be thereby induced to  
form a permanent establishment on those Islands, And under these  
Considerations. His Excellency, desires your particular attention to the foregoing  
circumstances, and that on your return hither, you will make him a  
full Report in writing of your progress, and Observations, together with  
the success which may attend your Mission.

I have the honor to be,

Rev. Sir,

Your Obedient, humble Servant

John Thomas Campbell,  
Secretary

Signed