

*S. Marsden to J. Pratt, 28 November 1814*

Nov<sup>r</sup> 28-1814 on Board

the Active

At Sea

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir,

When I wrote the last hasty Line I hoped to be near New Zealand before this time— we have been lying at the mouth of the Harbour detained by contrary winds ever since till, this morning— we are now leaving the Heads of Port Jackson with a fair wind— The number of Souls on Board men women and Children are 34— Europeans, Thomas Hansen Master, and his wife— Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kendall Hall & King and their wives, and five Children John Hunter Carpenter— Alex<sup>r</sup> Ross mate Henry Shaffery Sailor- Rich<sup>d</sup> Stockwell, Servant to M<sup>r</sup> Kendall Thomas Namblton Cook— Wm. Campbell weaver— and Flax dresser— Walter Hall Smith— I have taken the Smith, and weaver— as they will be very useful to the Settlers in assisting them to [f] build their Houses— They could not do any thing without a Smith, as he can work for the Natives in making them Hoes and Axes, and by that means command their Labor for the Settlers— The men I have taken are of good Character— The following are the South Sea Islanders on Board—

Duaterra ) The three first are

Shunghee ) Chiefs

Koro-Koro )

Repeero Shunghee's Son

Toihi Koro-Koro's Brother

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Warrakee )Common men  
Mowhee )and act as Sailors on  
Pyhee )Board the Active—  
Mahow )  
Tenana )  
Purnee ) Otaheitians, Sailors  
Tahee )

You will observe that the greatest number of men on Board are Islanders — I am under no Apprehensions about them behaving well — few perhaps would have ventured [f] to Sea with such a Ship's Company — I told all those New Zealanders who acted as Sailors, that I would pay them for their Services, the same as I paid the Europeans — according to the work they did — at this they were astonished and much gratified — They received two months wages in advance to enable them to buy such things as they wanted — I am sure the Vessel will tend greatly to promote the Civilization of the Natives of New Zealand — as the Chiefs will have an opportunity of visiting Port Jackson, and of being well treated on Board — I am in hopes that the return Cargo of Timber will very considerably lessen the Expence — but it must be supported at the first — Provisions and particularly Bread has been very dear — which has increased the expence very considerably — I have thought good to send you this short Line, that you may [f] know the exact time when we sail — One Gentleman accompanies me, A M<sup>r</sup>. Nicholas who came out to settle in this

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Country – we are all in good Health and Spirits thro the divine Goodness –  
present my respectful Compliments to the Society –

I have the honor to be

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble Ser[van]<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Marsden

Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Pratt

P.S. I send this by the Pilot –