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Mr. John King to Secretary

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Rev. Sir)

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Rec. Dec. 27/15, by the Sydney Packet.

Ans. Sep. 5/16, by the Sir W. Bentley.

Adv. Mr Kendall

After spending nearly five Years at Port Jack

we have arrived safe at the Bay of Islands and are living under Duaterra's protection, he is at this time very sick, his Friends say that he will die in a few Days, the Natives behave as well as can be expected considering, the pitiable state they are in, they are redy to receive any instruction provided we was able to supply them with provision and clothing for the sake of these things the Children will be redy to learn to read and write or any trade we are able to teach them, at present they have no Idea of spiritual wants, knowing not the God that made them, from whence they came or whither they are going, Who made their Countrey nor the things that are therein neither the sea which surrounds it, but are in midnight darkness, Their Wars and exploits it Battle, the Wounds they have received, the Deaths they have escaped, the Battles they have Won, are the topic of Conversation, Guns and Powder their chief desire in times of Danger, In civil and peaceable times Axes, Billhooks, Chisels, Knives, Plaintorns, Files, Hoes, &c &c is their principal Wants, A large Axe is their topmost Desire, and bottommost too, if I mistake not, There is among them many quiet and decent beheaved men and women, Who apparently wish to pry into every thing, and are of a quick understanding and very partial to White people. Duaterra says they know nothing about Sunday nor of our Religon as yet but by & by they know and like it very well, &c With regard to particulars respecting N. Z. Mr Marsden coming with us, all that has passed respecting the mission

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I refer you to Mr Kendles account who is able to give the particulers &c
Our Houses are made with Flags, it will neither keep wind nor rain out, it
has no Chimney in it, the floor is Dirt, it is half over our shoes in water
when it rains, it has rained this four Days together, I am in good heatth
and our little Boy, but it is very uncomfortable for us, and especially
for my Wife, as she has taken a severe Cold, and expects every Day to
be put to Bed, We expect to have a better House soon, but I fear not before
Winter, If our Lives are spared for good to these People, these sufferings
will be looked upon, and, thought to be light Afflections, if we have the
blessedness to experence upon a dieing bed that there is laid up for us, a
Crown of Glory that fadeth not away, May these few Lines find you
and your Family in good Heatth, as they leaves me, O may the work of
the Lord prosper in your Hands, Among the Heathen, and throughout
the whole Earth, O may it be our happy Lott (if not on earth) to meet in his
presence where there is fullness of Joy and be exalted to his right Hand
where there are Pleasures for ever more is the sinceare Prayer of your
unworthy servant, So I rest

Rev. Sir
Your most unworthy
Servant
John King

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P. S. Feb.y 23
Mrs King was put to
Bed on Monday the 20th
With a Son She is very
ill at present having taken
a bad cold but are in hope
through the blessing of God
that she will soon recover
Mr Marsden will Christen
the Boy before he goes
back to Port Jackson
Dueaterror. It is expected
will die the

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