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After spending nearly five years at Port Jackson

We have arrived safe at the Bay of Islands and are living under Oueaterra'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 vedy 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 vedy 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 Countary nor the things that are thereon 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, Plain Irons, 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 behaved men and women, who apparently wish to pry into every thing, and are of a quick understanding and very partial to white people, Oueaterra says they know nothing about Sunday nor of our Religion as yet by they know and like it very well, &c With regard to particulers respecting N-Z. Mr Marsden coming with us, all that has passed respecting the mission,