

Mr. John King to Rev. Daniel Wilson

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Rev. Sir,

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~~Mr. John King to Rev. Daniel Wilson~~ (Collected Sep. 5/16, by the Sir W. G. ...)

A long time has elapsed since I have sent you any account
 of any self, or the great work I engaged in when in England, having
 no profitable news to send, What ever ^{blame} Mr. M. may think proper
 to lay upon ^{me}, on account of the Missionary or any thing else he is welcome
 so to do, I do not conceive why he should, as I have been too much
 his call, and too ready to obey, if he don't know, I owe to my sorrow, I was
 recovering from a severe illness when I received your kind Letter also
 Mr. Williams if I mistake not, Nov. 10. 1812 I changed a single life to
 a married state, In August 28. 1813 Mrs. King was put to bed with a sore
 at this season she expects to be put to bed every Day, As soon as
 Mr. Kendle & his Family came into Port Jackson the thought of Mr. M.
 was stored up in our minds, & in a short time Mr. Kendall went to
 the Bay of Islands to see and hear and learn all they could of the natives
 they brought back Daeateraa and two more Chiefs with them with an intent
 to go with their Families to settle at ^{the} Bay of Islands, I was called upon to go
 with them, after three weeks voyage (in which I & my wife and child were
 sick) we arrived at this Port and are in good health, but our House or
 that is made with flags ~~it~~ by the natives it has no Chimney in it it
 will neither keep wind nor rain out, we have no window in it Mr. M. gave
 orders to have it made he says it is very comfortable indeed it will
 do very well, This is a very wet Day it has been so for this three Days
 on Sunday last Feb. 12 it rained very much the water came through upon our
 wheat rice bet clothing & the water was half over my shoes in our bed room

from the wetness of the dirt floor as our hut is on low flat ground our clothing
is damp tho we do all we can to keep them dry we have no fire to dry them
when it rains, as our fire is out of doors for my own part I am in good health,
but it is uncomfortable indeed for my wife and Child in the state she is in, it will
be a great blessing indeed if ~~she~~ does not make her suffer exceedingly as she has taken
a severe cold already. We expect to have a good House before long but I fear
not before winter, Mr. Marsden Mr. Nicklas Mr. Kendall are a writing Daryley
they will give a description of the Island the people their behaviour and
all that has passed since we embarked for New Zealand they will give
a better account to the Society than I am able to give and I doubt
not but you will have the satisfaction to see ~~them~~ The natives behave to us
as well as can be expected considering the state they are in, they are in a most
deplorable wretched miserable and pitiable condition as ever Heathens
was I think, they know not who made them, nor who made their country
or any ^{thing} that is in ~~the~~ it or the sea that surrounds it, The first Sunday that
Mr. M. preached on shore Queaterra made him a Pulpit after sermon Mr.
M. asked him to explain it to the natives that were present but
his answer was they know nothing about it now & by and by they
will on another Day when Mr. M. was trying to purchase some ground
to build our Houses upon most of the natives belonging to this place was
present he wished Queaterra to explain for him and tell them what
we came for who sent us how they ought to behave to us what they might
expect if they behaved ^{if} good or bad to us, if well they should have plenty
of axes &c &c, if bad the Governner would send plenty of Soldiers and kill
them all, Queaterra's answer was they know nothing about it now by and by

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They know, at a nother time M^r. M. told him that M^r. Kendle would teach
the Children to read and write and ~~the~~ ^{you} must send them, by and by, I make them
first grow plenty of wheat and corn &c. &c., and then teach the Children by & by the
like it very well, know nothing about it yet, I hope these few lines will find you
in health of body and prosperity of Soul enjoying all the blessings of old England
and all the blessings of the new Jerusalem, and be at last filled with all the
fulness of God is the sincere prayer of your most unworthy friend now and
ever, please to give ^{any} sincere & humble thanks to M^r. Wilson Esq. for his
kindness in forwarding my mothers Letters to me, having no other way
of speaking to them but by Letters, My sincere respects to all that are
Dear, and to all that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity,
prosperity of Lion Brethren pray for us, that the
may have free course and be glorified even
is with you, and to him that is able to keep us be glory
ever Amen, so I rest.

Rev^d Sir

Your most
unworthy servant
John King

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