

Manroden to Secretary

New South Wales June 10. 1815

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Com. Jan. 22/16

Rev. Sir

Com. of Co. Apr. 25/16

15. by the Sydney Packet.

Ans. Sep. 5/16, by the Sw. W. Bessley

In consequence of the Church and London  
 Missionary Societies feeling some hesitation to maintain a  
 Vessel in these Seas for the accommodation and protection of  
 those Europeans who are employed under their respective  
 Patronage, I have finally determined to take the whole  
 responsibility of the Vessel upon myself on the following  
 conditions, viz, that the two Societies conjointly agree to allow  
 the sum of £500. p. Ann. towards the expences of the Vessel  
 from Nov. last when the establishment for New Zealand  
 finally sailed from Port Jackson, should the Timber &c  
 procured at New Zealand repay the expences of the Vessel so  
 that no very material loss is sustained I shall charge nothing  
 to either Society, I state the sum of £500. as the utmost  
 that may be wanting on account of the expences of the Vessel

I shall not draw upon England for any part of this sum  
 at present, but request (if the above proposal is agreed to,  
 the Societies to send me out to the amount of £500. annual  
 as opportunity may offer (till further orders) in Naval  
 to the amount of £200. also Iron, Steel, Spades, Shovels,  
 cast Iron pots of sizes and Reap Hooks, to the amount of £<sup>300</sup>  
 the Iron I want for Tools of Agriculture for the Natives  
 to purchase the Timber with from them, should the  
 her own expences the above sum of £500. will go to  
 of the Societies towards paying their respective Establishments  
 This measure will make the business very simple to  
 Societies and probably remove every difficulty that has  
 to opposed the employment of a Vessel in these Seas,  
 this system the Vessel will be wholly my own, and in  
 case I can act with confidence and shall meet with no inter-  
 ruption in carrying on my Plan formed with the European  
 Settlers and Natives of New Zealand, for promoting the safety  
 and comforts of the former, and the Civilization and improvement  
 of the latter; under the persuasion that the above proposition  
 will meet the approbation of the Societies it is my intention  
 as soon as the Active returns from her present Voyage to  
 New Zealand to send her immediately to Otago with orders  
 to touch at New Zealand on her passage out and on her  
 return to call there for a Cargo of Timber &c. From the  
 25<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1814 to Nov. following when she sailed for New  
 Zealand I trust the Society will pay all the expences incurred  
 in the two outfits as well as for the necessaries purchased for  
 the use of the Settlement an account of which I shall send

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The conveyance of the Vessel during the above period of 8 months  
made some small returns which will be stated in the account  
and placed to the credit of the outfit, should the expences be  
thought heavy the Society will take into their kind consideration  
the high price of Labour here as well as all Naval stores, Iron,  
Tools of Agriculture &c. The 1<sup>st</sup> time the Active went to New  
Zealand I was compelled to have more Sailors than were absolutely  
necessary to work the Vessel as a protection, (and also to give very  
high wages to the Master, Mate & Seamen, it was not easy  
to procure proper persons for such an undertaking without some  
strong inducement as the Natives were considered such Cannibals,  
few cared to venture among them; since my return the public  
opinion is much changed in their favour, the number of  
Natives I brought with me to Port Jackson, their general  
appearance and conduct made the most favourable impression  
upon the minds of the Inhabitants of this Colony, I shall not  
therefore find in future any difficulty in getting Sailors to  
work the Vessel at less wages. It was necessary that I should  
lay in considerable stores for the use of the Settlement as well  
as provisions for supporting the Natives who had returned with  
Messrs Kendall & Hall and likewise for the use of the Settlers,  
their Families and those who accompanied them, I also conceived  
it prudent to take various articles as presents to the Chiefs  
while the Vessel remained on any part of the Coast to treat  
generally all the Chiefs who visited us, as well as to shew  
kindness to the common people; the Active was generally  
employed with the Natives while I was there, and Ten Chiefs  
Sons of Chiefs with 2 Servants came with me to Port Jackson  
all these People could not be maintained without considerable  
expences. In forming New Settlements there are a variety  
of expences that cannot be foreseen, but they must with the  
utmost care and attention always be great at first. The  
Settlement now being formed and all matters arranged relative  
to it the expences in future will not be very great, I  
think the Rations of the Settlers and Families will not  
exceed £200. £ Ann<sup>m</sup>. I have not time to review all I  
have wrote and am compelled to get my letter copied, I  
mentioned the above circumstance relative to the Vessel to the  
Rev. G. Burder who perhaps will confer with you on the  
subject.

I have the Honor to be  
Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir,  
Your Obedient Humble Servant,  
S. W. Marsden

Rev. Josiah Pratt  
London