

51 Rev. Samuel Marsden to Secretary

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

Dear Sir,

I have sent you a Box containing various articles, principally wearing apparel. Such as are manufactured and used by the natives of New Zealand No 1 named Neek'ho is worn by the Chiefs & the Ladies as a mantle, No 2. do, No 3. is worn by the Common people universally, and in the nights and Rainy weather the Chiefs also wear them. Some of them are exceedingly large, and nearly cover them from head to foot. and in the evening when they encamp they have the appearance of a number of Bee-hives if it should Rain they draw them over their heads and when it is fine weather they put their heads out like a Land Tortoise out of its shell, No 5 Ka'ka' how. is worn by the Chiefs and their wives as a Great Coat in England, the thick Canvas mat is worn in the Field of Battle & of them will resist any Spear, and in action are worn by the Chiefs, as a Coat of Mail. before they put them on they wet them, in order that they