

could learn was that his name had been spotted by one
of the Ships Company, but for what Reason he was
not told - You may deem this Letter unnecessary, you
should I have sent it, but I wished to show the Difficulty
that might, and would arise in the way of the mission
if any public missionary Society were attempted to be
formed as yet - The People here would think their
Craft was in Danger - I am of opinion that when
a vessel belonging to the Colony returns from the Islands
with only part of her Crew, the others said to be killed
it is the Duty of the Government to enquire into the Cause
of those men who are missing, losing their lives. Such an
enquiry, if it had no regard to the natives would tend
to bring to light many acts of Dark. ness & Cruelty
I have now written to you at considerable length, and
in much haste, and in the midst of a variety of other
Culls, so that I must crave your Indulgence for all
Errors, of every kind -

I am
Dear Sir
Yours with much esteem
Sam. Marsden

Rev. J. Pratt
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