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Lythamzee Bay of Ireland,

Recd June 21/16, by the Katherine, Capt. Graham

Recd. Sep. 5/16, by the Sir Wm Bunsley

thru Mr Kendall

Rev<sup>d</sup> and Dear Sir / The present being a fine opportunity  
 for communicating our latest experiences and I am  
 sorry they are not more favourable - yesterday Capt<sup>n</sup>  
 Graham came over to my settlement and left me a  
 boat and several other articles out of his ship, he  
 he has been very kind indeed - After Capt<sup>n</sup> Graham  
 returned to his vessel, my friendly natives being  
 up the country in search of potatoes and a strange  
 party came over from the other side of the Bay and  
 got upon the Sargers house top and I went to desire  
 them to come down, they immediately laid hold of  
 me and threw me down and got upon me and brandished  
 their war instruments over me. it could be nothing  
 but that same Almighty power that saved Daniel

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out of the paws of the lions that delivered me out  
of the hands of these Savages - And when M<sup>rs</sup> Holt  
saw me seized she came running towards me and  
a native met her and struck her in the face with  
a war instrument and knocked her down, and when  
I got myself wrested out from under them, I beheld  
my dear partner laying moaning and I could not  
see a feature in her face for blood - But some  
friendly natives being at a short distance heard the  
alarm and came to our assistance she God only  
knows what the end would have been - we have  
reason to bless God that the M<sup>rs</sup> wound is not  
mortal and I hope she will get the use of her  
eye again after a time - The first thing they  
took from us was our bedding they swept the bed

They also pulled our leather out of the boxes  
 but they had not time to take it all away before  
 assistance came, they took away my Axe and  
 some of my Tools, Cooking utensils and five wons  
 and likewise my two Guns especially the Double-  
 barreled Gun which I am more concerned for than  
 any other thing - But when I think of the wonderfu  
 mercies of God in sparing our lives, the loss of the  
 things are nothing - and I think from this most astonish-  
 ing deliverance that the Lord has work for us to do  
 yet, only I am sorry that I am under the necessity  
 of confining my exertions to narrower limits, by  
 removing to the other Settlement for protection  
 by change is the garden of N. Zealand - I have  
 only been here four months, and we have almost  
 every useful kitchen vegetable in the highest state

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of perfection I have reaped both wheat and barley  
 and has now nearly ready for reaping I have got  
 the Natives to clear two acres more - I shall endeavour  
 to induce the Natives to carry on the cultivation if  
 possible, I shall give some of the confidential Chiefs  
 charge of it, and pay them for their labour with  
 suitable trade and I shall visit it occasionally -  
 I hope your Honourable Committee will not think  
 it strange in me in asking the favour of two more  
 Guns especially a double barrelled one - I can  
 go out occasionally in a morning before breakfast  
 and bring home as many ducks and wild fowl as  
 will serve our house for two days, but this is the  
 best thing - a European in N. Zealand has no  
 respect among the Chiefs, if he has no arms in  
 his house, they call him only a servant, and he  
 has no influence with them -

I am in great want of a few Carpenter Tools  
 especially Axes and Adzes which the Natives  
 frequently pilfer when they can lay hold of them  
 two or three Blankets would be very usefull and  
 a few common Table knives, or for Cleathing or  
 any other article I shall leave it entirely  
 to the discretion of the Committee - and may the  
 Lord be your, and our protector and Director  
 in all our doings now and for evermore amen -

I am Dear your most affectionate and  
 humble Servant In Christ  
 Wm Hall  
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