

Com. July 8/16 Bay of Islands New Zealand

Recd June 21/16, by the Katherine, Capt. Graham
Jan. 23rd 1816

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Recd and Dear Sir;

(Ans. Sep. 5/16, by the Sir W. Bunsley)

As the Master of Vessels which put in here
 for refreshment generally barter with the natives
 for Muskets and Powder and on this account have
 a great advantage over us in respect to procuring
 such articles of food as we are in want of,
 I wish to know your opinion, whether it would
 be prudent for us occasionally to part with
 such articles; or whether we should at all events
 continue to dispose of such articles only as are
 useful to the mechanic or husbandman.

You mention the probability of sending to
 our aid two Clergymen. Should you do this, I think
 one of them might be instructed to remain with