

Mr. John King to Secretary

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Rev. Sir,

Bay of Islands N. Zealand Jan. 25. 1816

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I hope

these lines will find you all  
wh<sup>o</sup> thro' Mr Kendall

in good health as they leave us, thanks be to God for this and every other favour, the natives are in a state of friendship with us, the children are making slow improvements as we have but little control over them a little time back when it was two rainy days one girl made us a pair of sheets, another made the body and sleeves of a boys shirt, but as soon as the rain was over they left off work, one of them saying, Mother when it comes plenty more rain, I will do plenty more sewing for you, when it is fine weather, I will dance and play this is very good at N. Zealand, they are under but little restraint from their parents therefore we cannot expect to have them at present <sup>under</sup> ~~at~~ our control altogether, but we are still striving to instruct them and to lead them on by degrees as they will bear it, we are endeavouring to live in peace with all men, but we meet with great opposition from Mr. Kendall



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110 He says he is the same here as the Governor is at Port-jack-  
he threatens to send us out of this settlement he will do this  
and the other he has on all occasions if I mistake not  
encouraged his Government man to abuse us and the other  
prisoners that are in this settlement to strike and ill use us  
so that we despaired of our lives and was going to make  
our escape to Whetunghee to Mr. Hall's place but the natives  
would not let us go, we had no body to pull the boat the  
the natives sat down and went with us to see the treatment  
we met with from our own people they told us that  
the white <sup>people</sup> should hurt us no more but if we persisted in  
going or did leave this place, they would send Mr. Kendall  
back to port-jackson, <sup>for</sup> he should not stay here, He tries to  
set the natives against us by telling them I am nothing but  
a servant that he is a great Gentleman, he goes on board ships  
that comes in, and gives us a bad name to the Captain  
in short he does all he can to abuse us and to exalt him  
self - he will let us have nothing he can conveniently  
hinder us of, the natives taking our parts so much to Mr. Kendall  
he sent me a few lines saying he would hear any complaint we might



make to him but, I spoke to him about it, <sup>(50)</sup> we was in all the fault  
it is in vain for us to complain to him because we are always  
wrong, after this he sent me several insulting Letters I answered the  
first, but declined sending any more, he sends me two which he  
calls consolatory ones, these I should have liked to closed in with,  
if his conduct had been consistent with <sup>the</sup> Letters, so I leave you  
to judge, Sir, how we <sup>are</sup> going on, I do not approve of his getting  
intoxicated, of his good words and fair speeches without regarding  
to do the same all intercourse is dropped between us, except any  
thing that we cannot do without, he is welcome to write and  
say all he pleases against <sup>me</sup> and mine, I have sent some Letters by  
"Oct." 1845. I expect this to arrive before than the ship Cal.

being a boat to sail from this place in a few days, bound for  
England laden with oil she is expected to be in London dock  
in few months. I expect that great good will be <sup>done</sup> here in  
the Lords time, and close in praying that the Lords will  
raise up and send faithful labourers into the Harvest and  
that yours labours may not be in vain in the Lord.  
So I rest.

Rem. Sir,

This Day Mr. Hall's House was plundered  
Mrs was struck by one of the croakers  
she was taken up for dead but she is getting better

Your most humble  
and most Obedient servant  
John King



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