

Mr. John King to Secretary

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Rev. Sir,

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I hope

these lines will find you all
wh^o ^{and} ^{sent} ^{by} ^{the} ^{Sir} ^{Wm} ^{Went} ^{all}

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 ^{under} ~~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