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Rev. J. G. S. Sir
Ans^d June 7/17 by W. G. S.

I feel very thankful for the abundant supplies sent out in the Northampton and the cedar which will remove a very heavy Expense. The same does and Axes that you send out are at this time 80 each which is more than 100 per cent above those sent by you. Some of the goods sent out in the Northampton were too fine for New Zealand - I have disposed of £100 worth and have given you credit for the same. I shall at a future period account with you for the investment sent out in the Northampton first - I only send a certain quantity at a time to N. Zealand, that the natives may not be tempted with the riches of the missionaries to rob them when I was at New Zealand, and had settled the missionaries in a populous Village, where they would be safe amongst their friends, before I came away, they wished to remove about ten miles from their then residence, to the banks of the River Whytangee, merely because the situation was beautiful, and the land rich - Here there was no forest, but only a few scattered trees. To this I would not consent - They thought it unkind in me, not to allow them to settle in any place which they thought best, and expressed their determination to follow their own views - I stated my reasons for objecting to their removal. The first was the safety of their persons and property - where they were placed, they were safe; where they wanted to settle, they would be in constant danger of being robbed or murdered - it being a very lonely situation -

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Another Reason was, the People about them were numerous
and anxious to be instructed. Mr. Kendall here might have as many
Children to teach as he could attend to; which he could not have
where they wished to settle. After many warm Debates upon
this Subject, and my telling them that they must take all
the Consequences upon themselves, and that I should protest against
their Conduct to the Society, they consented to remain where I had
placed them. After I left N. Zealand Mr. Hall went to live
at Whytangahee, and took a Pair of the Surgeons with him.
Shortly after they got there, a Party of strange natives came
upon them in the night, and took away almost all they
had. I think the Value of the whole Property is about £100.
which has been stolen by the natives at different times -
Mr. Kendall tells me he has not lost to the amount of £1.
They have applied to me to make up their losses, but I have
not done it yet. They ought to have taken advice, and
not to have exposed their Persons and Property to unnecessary
Danger - Messrs Kendall & King are now satisfied where
they are. Mr. Hall will take no Persons Opinion, but his
own. No Person is safe, in N. Zealand in retired Situations
either from our own People, or the natives; and it is not to be
supposed that the N. Zealanders will not feel the same natural
Propensities to Theft, and other Crimes that are common to men
in civil, as well as in savage life. The above Circumstance may
make them a little more cautious. I told them so sure as ever
they went to Whytangahee, so sure they would be robbed, if
not murdered. If the Society wish their losses to be made up
to them I will do it, either in whole or in Part. It is probable they
may state as a Complaint, very desirous to do this till I
hear from you - Had Mr. Hall gone there, to Whytangahee, without
the Danger being pointed out to him, I should have felt
no Hesitation to pay for any loss that he or the Surgeons

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might have met with. It was an Act of his own, and he ought to suffer a little -

The following is the present Establishment of the Society at the Bay of Islands - Mr. Kendall wife & 3 Children & 1 Servant - Mr. Hall, wife & 2 Children - Mr. King ditto - Smith wife & 1 Child - 1 Carpenter - 1 Surgeon and 1 Cook & 1 Barber. two of them married and 1 Child - A Mr. Cartledge a pious man who came out a free settler here - He is gone over to assist in apprehending; left his wife in N. Y. water. Should he like to live at St. John's, he will return with the Article and take his wife with him. Mr. Cartledge is a very quiet pious man, and will suit the natives well if he should approve of living amongst them - It would be well if the Society could get two pious Smiths to go out to St. John's. The man who is there, tho' a good workman, is not easy to satisfy, he wants £70 per annum or he will not stay - and his Provisions, which is too much. He has £50 per annum now - is a convert for life, and therefore he should be thankful for his present situation - There are twenty six men women & Children belonging to the Settlement, who are supported by the Society, besides the Captains of the Achive wife, son and daughter in law, who maintain themselves - A good black or white Carpenter would also be very useful if one could be met with - I should recommend none to come out, unless married -

You mention that the Society intends to send out a regular Clergyman to St. John's - This will be a good thing - I have thought much upon the subject, and beg to mention a gentleman whom I think would suit the situation well, if he can obtain a stipend, for that purpose

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Mr Robert Cartwright, the brother of my Colleague.
He was Consul some years back at Algiers. Mr Cartwright
is a pious man, has seen much of the world, is quite of
the acquiring of Languages, and speaks several Languages.
From having such a natural Gift to learn foreign
Languages he might be, of the most essential Service
in arranging the N. Fed and Language, along with Mr
Rendall in time, should he be willing to come out, and the
Society approve of him. I know no man so well
qualified for the Situation if he should approve of it
himself. I have no Doubt of his Ability. I intend to probe
him a line upon the Subject. He was not married when
I saw him, but he must not come here without a wife.
Perhaps he will think me insane to recommend him to
such a Situation; but it is a Situation I would accept myself
if I was at liberty to do so; and therefore I recommend
it to him. Mr Cartwright is well known in London
and I think it is probable he would come, should he be at
liberty. It will be a great Object to get the Language printed.
Mr Rendall will not be able to fix the Language himself, but
must have some one to assist him who is equal to
the Task - with my best wishes, and ardent Prayers for
the Divine Blessing to attend upon all the Societys
undertakings, and my Christian Regards to the
Committee

I have the Honor to be

Respectfully

Your most obed. Servant

Wm. Marsden

Rev. G. Pratt