

Rev. S. Marsden to Secretary 5  
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Rev. & Dear Sir (Com<sup>o</sup> Jan 9 2/17)

(Ans<sup>d</sup> June 7/17 by M<sup>r</sup> Jyles)

I hope by this time you will have received the Letters I sent in the Sydney Packet, and will also soon receive what I forwarded by the Northampton. These Documents will inform you what has been done since I sailed for New Zealand up to the time of their Dates. I now transmit you the last Accounts I received from the Settlers at New Zealand, to which I refer you for further Information. I have no doubt, but you and the pious Public will feel much Gratification at the Prospect there is of doing good in this Part of the Globe. I mentioned to you that I thought the Active would make three Voyages in one Year to N. Zealand. I sailed for N. Zealand on the 28<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1814. & she returned the third time on the 28<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1815. She sailed again in Jan<sup>r</sup> last for N. Zealand, and after visiting the Settlers, and landing their Supplies with the Native Chiefs who came over to visit Port Jackson she will proceed to the Society Islands with a Mr<sup>r</sup> Crook, his wife and seven Children, and Supplies for the Missionaries at Oimeo, whom Mr<sup>r</sup> Crook and Family are going out to join in the great and glorious work that is going on amongst the natives of these Islands. The Active on her Return will call at N. Zealand, to fill up with Gunpowder - I do not expect her back before August or Sep<sup>r</sup> as I directed

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the master to allow the missionaries to visit any Island  
they wished while the vessel was with them - I now  
feel the greatest gratification in being able thro' the kind  
Providence of God to carry into Effect in some Degree  
what I have so long and so ardently desired -  
I feel the fullest Conviction that the natives of the  
South Sea Islands will now receive the Blessings  
of Civilization and the Gospel. The work is great, and  
many Difficulties may oppose it, at the same time it  
will go on - The Foundation is now I trust firmly laid  
and that no Power on Earth can overturn it -  
I need say nothing of the State of mind the Settlers  
are in - They all seem well. Mr. Kendall sent me  
over a Spelling Book to get printed - I have had a few  
hundreds printed and bound - a few Copies I have  
forwarded to you. This I consider a good beginning  
the first year. Mr. Kendall has made much appli-  
cation to proceed thus far, in so short a time - His  
Heart is wholly in the work and he will do all  
in his Power to forward the Views of the Society.  
I have made a small Establishment here for the  
New Zealanders - have four young men employed  
in acquiring useful Knowledge. none of them  
common men. I have begun to spin twine and  
make a little Carvings. Rope &c from their own  
Wool - They are very attentive to their Duty  
and I have no Doubt, but in due time they

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will be able to manufacture their own Plan into  
into Buck and Carvaps such as will make their own  
Clothing when they return to their Country and  
Friends - It will be of great Importance to have a  
few of the Natives here at all times, as their  
Improvement will be so very great amongst us -  
one of the last Chiefs who visited me was an old  
Acquaintance of Captain Cook - His Son in Law  
had been living with me for a considerable time -  
and is a very promising young man - His wife  
came over to see her Husband with the Chief her  
Father, and wished to remain with her Husband. The  
old Chief was in great Distress about his Daughter  
and wept much - He wished to leave her, but if he did  
he said her mother would die, and her Sister also -  
on this Account she parted with her Husband with many  
Tears - She was a very mild and affectionate young woman.  
and I think she will be very likely to return again  
if she can prevail upon her Mother to allow her,  
as her Husband will not leave Parramatta till he  
can weave, make Rope and Spin twice - He is at  
work every Day, and can now speak the English  
Language well. He spends part of the Day at School,  
and part in the Factory; and is making great Improve-  
ment in useful Knowledge. I trust the next Opportu-  
nity I shall be able to send you a Bolt of Carvaps do  
to impart the Blessings of Civilization and Religion to  
the New Zealanders is an Object worthy of the  
British Nation. A greater work, or a more noble

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undertaking could not be suggested to the Christian  
world. I am exceedingly happy that the Church missionary  
Society has turned their Attention to this important  
Object. may the good Lord prosper their labors, and cause  
them to see their happy Fruits every year —

I have sent a Case under the Care of a Captain Brobyn  
who belongs to this Establishment, and is now returning  
in leave for a short time. In his particular Care also I  
committed a small Box with the Documents from  
New Zealand, and other Papers of my own, and  
signed for the London missionary Society. Captain  
Brobyn will return soon again to the South coast.  
I have requested him to call upon you previous to  
his leaving England. He has been long in this Colony,  
and lived as Commanding Officer at Parramatta  
for some time back — and you may commit  
any thing to his Care, as he is a very kind  
attentive man —

I am Sir

Yours affectionately —

Wm. Marsden —

Rev. G. Pratt