

Rev. S. Marsden to Secy.

(Recd. Jan. 14/17, by Rev. Mr. Vale)

Par. in addition of S. L. notes

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Dear & Rev. Sir

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June 18/17

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Ans June 7/17 by [unclear]

The Rev. Mr. Vale will deliver you this - I have had no Account from Mr. Feland since the Active sailed the latter End of Jan. I trust. It is possible you may hear from the Settlers by some of the whalers, before any Account can reach me, and be forwarded to you by way of Port Jackson - I mentioned to you in a former letter, that Mr. Hull had left the situation where I had settled them altogether, and had gone to live at a place called Whytonghee. When I was in N. Zealand, I would on no Account consent to the Settlers living at Whytonghee, on Account of the Danger to which they would be exposed from the natives, as there they would have no Protection, and their Property would be too strong a Temptation for the natives to resist. It was with much Difficulty that I could prevail upon them to live in the house of Ranghesehoo belonging to the late Quaterma, and his Friends, where they would

be perfectly safe. They all had such unbounded confidence
 in the natives, that they imagined they would be in no
 danger. After much entreaty, and at the same time told
 them plainly they should not go while I remained and
 had the means to prevent them, they agreed to stay
 where they had been settled by me. I considered the
 safety of their Persons the first consideration.
 After my departure Mr. Hall left his colleagues
 and went to his favorite spot, where I have always
 been apprehensive he would report. He is about 10 miles
 from his colleagues - there is no town there, nor
 any security for his life and property - He could
 not live in N. Zealand in such a retired situation
 without being in constant danger of being robbed
 or murdered. Poor Quatana told him there were
 bad men in N. Zealand as well as Port Jackson,
 and he could not protect him, when living alone
 at a distance from him and his people -

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e - I do expect to hear some unpleasant News from Mr
Hall, but he is a man that will not take advice. he
will follow his own opinion let the consequence
be what it may - The last Account I had from him
which I transmitted to you, was that he had been robbed,
but still he would not quit the dangerous situation.

From the Accounts transmitted by the Emu, from
the Settlers they had the fairest Prospect of success.
I am aware that Covetousness is in the Heart of all
men; and the Poverty of the New Zealanders will
urge them to steal, if there is a Prospect of Impunity.
I should feel no Anxiety for the Safety of the Settlers
and their Property, if they would follow the advice
of the Chiefs under whose Protection I placed
them; but if they will wilfully expose themselves
to Danger, the Consequences may be serious -
I have four young men with me, who are
making great Improvement in useful Knowledge
and as they all belong to the first Families in

and near the Bay of Islands their friends will
 be anxious to protect the letters. Perhaps you
 will read an Account in the Sydney Gazette of the
 ship Betsey at the north Cape of N. Zealand,
 being lost, and part of her crew murdered -
 This Account I believe is very incorrect from the
 best information I can get - you will therefore place
 no credit in this Account. I think it probable you
 will receive information from the settlers by the
 Catharine whaler, which I think must have sailed
 from N. Zealand before this time - I shall refer
 you to Mr. Vale for further information respecting
 this Colony - I fear the Society will meet with little
 support amongst us under present existing cir-
 -cumstances, which Mr. V. can explain - I trust the
 Cause at N. Zealand will prosper - I see no reason to
 doubt this, but on the contrary to believe that it will -
 As the active after leaving N. Zealand, was to proceed to
 Adelaide, and touch at N. Zealand on her return, I do not
 expect to see Mr. Puckner before August or September
 I am &c &c Yours affectionately
 James Macdonald