

Yet since it had pleased God to spare our lives we thought we had
better go with them than stay and tempt providence. —
We came into a small thatched hut that would neither turn
wind nor rain, and there we remained without any fireplace
untill we removed the house from Wythagee and rebuilt
it again at Jiffpoorah. — Misking went with me every
day with the boat untill we removed all the materials,
I hope I shall never forget the kindness of that man and his
family towards us when we were distressed. — We have found
the most want of our Bedding of any other thing, this winter
has been exceedingly wet and cold, so that we have been almost
perished, especially during thirteen weeks that we lived in that
miserable hut. — I wrought very hard to get another house
built, but I was kept back by rainy weather, and likewise by working
at M'Kendalls house and the schoolhouse, there is a M'Carlisle
came out to join us by M'Mardens recommendation, and he seems to
be a very quiet sober man, he and M'Kendall has put the boards
on the two houses by my directions, I always took care
that the schoolhouse was never kept back for the want of
people to work it, the timber was always wrought up as fast
as it could be sawed, for I was sorry to see never a school begun
in N. Zealand yet although at the same time convinced it
was not for the want of a schoolhouse, for there has been several
empty houses amongst us since we came to N. Zealand that might
have done very well at least for a time till better could have been
got. As a school is the best means that can be used at present
for civilising the natives it certainly should have been commenced
as soon as possible, when M'Marden was here there were a small
number of children collected and a school commenced in M'Kendalls
house, when M'Marden went it was then dispersed and there has