

article of trade for some months past either for my self or
 to purchase a little fish or fern root for those poor children
 that are about me. I write to Mr Pratt by this conveyance
 recommending him to send all the Supplies of Trade which
 he can from England / provided he can procure a conveyance
 We can not get a regular supply of Axes &c. from Port
 Jackson and except we can always have trade in hand,
 I am afraid our usefulness will be checked exceedingly.
 You can assist me greatly by putting Mr Pratt and
 the Committee in mind of the real necessity of attending
 to my observations. I think the school at least can be
 provided for without hurting the feelings of Mr Marsden
 to whom great credit is due, but who alas! is so
 overwhelmed with cares that I cannot really expect
 he can afford me steady support. I believe also
 Mr Marsden is greatly imposed upon by the People
 of Port Jackson in many articles he sends out to
 us, as he is in the box last sent out.

I desire to bless God that I and my family still continue
 to enjoy a good state of health. I had a hard struggle for