

Recd. March 21  
Rev. Sir  
Comd. Mar. 12/18

Comd. Mar. 9/18.

Bay of Islands Nov. 5 1816

China Mar. 12/18 by the Doublet

29

Sincerely do I hope you may not be offended at my troubling you with this. Having at N. S. Wales communicated my desire to Mr. Marsden of joining the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Church Missionary establishment at New Zealand, with his approbation and Mr. Cartwrights. I have entered on the important task the instruction of the Heathen. I have been several months in Mr. Kendalls house following my favourite employment teaching the Native Children with Mr. Kendale and administering of Medicines to Adults and Children as far as my knowledge lay, I have undertaken also to instruct the natives in Agriculture have had several of them at work for some months preparing the grounds for Wheat &c but I do not wish to be too sanguine I fully expect it will be a work of years before they are convinced of the utility of it. From experience I can say those benighted Heathens stand very much in want of our help both for Body and Soul, and although all at present is darkness, yet I verily believe here is a fair opening for the introduction of the glorious Gospel of our adorable Redeemer. I am much pleased with their behaviour towards us, In general they are very friendly and I have always found when I was by myself several miles up the Country that then they were far more careful of me and my little property than at other times. Should the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Committee accept of my services as a Collector or Lay settler, I should think myself honoured in being employed under them in publishing the glad news of the Saviours dying love to a perishing world. Mr. Marsden and Mr. Kendall will make mention of me by this conveyance, when you return an answer to them, I should also esteem a Letter from you a particular favor and am Rev. Sir

Your Obedient Servant

W<sup>m</sup> Cartiste

The Rev. Josiah Pratt

&c