

Mr John King to the Secy.

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Bay of Islands New Zealand 36

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(Ans^d Mar 12/18 by the Isabella

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Com^d Mar. 9/18

Rev^d, and Dear Sir

It is with pleasure I this opportunity
to let you know the state of our Healths I hope
these few Lines will find you in good Health as they
leave me and my Family I have not much good
to say of our small settlement at present but hope
to live to see better Days - - We have five Boys
and girls living with us learning to read they say
the Lords Prayer in the evening & the evening hymn
the girls are learning to sew and are very useful in the
House when they please to stay wth us, In the winter
they stay in the House, In the Summer they like
to be dancing and going from place to place to see

36 their Friends &c. — I shall persevere twine spinning as soon as I can get things secure, and can ~~get~~ ^{see} the walk fenced in, and the natives disposed to let it be peacefully

In the mean while I shall endeavour to instruct any children that are willing to live in my House in useful knowledge and in cleanliness & industry, as far as I have provision to maintain them, and a few cloths for the Sabbath

Day to appear clean and decent, for the time part I can say, if I had, had more in my power I could have done more good among the children — if I had more food

more clothing and some trifles to pay them for their work, they will not work for nothing — Mr. Howall has a

School House built tho' it is but of little ^{use} at present as he is obliged to go into the street or field to teach them

to read, yet it is provided to teach the young, but if the twine spinning does not quiet them I shall endeavour to instruct

the children unless you should order ^{me} otherwise to do

I taken a severe cold in August & it confined me to my
 Bed for five weeks, Mrs King was put to bed with a son
 Sept^r 29th we have had many trials & afflictions but
 blessed be God we are in good Health now, ———

May the Lord prosper you in all your work
 and labours of Love, is the sincere prayer of your
 most unworthy servant, so I am

Resd. and Dear Sir
 Your most obedient
 and most devoted servant
 John King

Mrs Kings and my sincere respects to Mrs Pratt and Family



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