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Rev. S. Menden to the Rev. 50

Ans. Mar. 12/18

Parson at the Marsh 27th

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Rev. J. H. Comt. Mar. 9/18. Ans. Mar 12/18 by the Isabella

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Should any small Colony be sent to New Zealand, I should have no objection to go there for a time, to assist in forming the settlement, and arranging matters with the natives. I am of opinion that New Zealand will repay, at a future period any reasonable Expenses, if what its seas and land produce can be brought to market. I am well acquainted with the natives for one hundred and twenty miles on the East side of the Island: and some of the Chiefs I know as far as the River Thames. I should be under necessary apprehensions of danger in examining the Country for the most advantageous situations for fixing a Colony. With a view to a settlement being formed at some distant period I shall send over cattle from time to time as

as opportunity offers in the Active - I have six
young cows which are now ready to embark
when the vessel sails. These I shall send at my
own expense and Expence, and as my own
Property - when this Colony was established
it was a great oversight in the British Govern-
ment, the neglect of sending any quantity of Cattle
for many years - The Colony was victualled
principally from England for more than
twenty years - and so scarce were Cattle
that they sold at the highest Prices - a cow would
sell for £80 - to £100, after the Colony had
been established almost twenty years - and
Horses from £100 - to £150. At length Government
imported Cattle from India and the Cape; and
tho' the first Expence was very great, yet it was
comparatively small, to victualling the Colony
from Europe. We have now the greatest
abundance of animal Food - I am not afraid
of the natives killing my Cattle - I have

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no doubt but they will take care of them, for
a small reward. The Horse and mare I took
over with me are doing well. The mare has
got two Females - These are the Property of the
Society - There can be little doubt but the Islands
will be stocked with Horses from there, if no
more are imported in time - Cattle I consider
of vast moment in a new Colony; as they
will supply so many of the real wants
of the Colonists - There are numbers of Islands
along the East Coast upon which Cattle
might be put, and taken off as they were
wanted - Whether a Colony is established or
not, I have resolved to introduce a number of
Cattle into New Zealand, and let them take
their Chance - The males may be killed to
supply the English Whalers or any other
Vessels with fresh meat, if no Europeans should
settle there - and if they should, they will be
ready to supply them with animal food
milk and butter -

Should the Rev. A. Cheaps Plan be adopted
 in any degree, and my services considered by those
 concerned at any moment in forming the Colony
 it would be necessary that the permission of the
 Governor of this Colony should be obtained for me
 to go to New Scotland for a quiet time. I have
 little doubt but we shall have another Governor
 and then this point might be settled with him
 Another Changelin might be shut out to go
 my duty in the Colony; and on my return
 from New Scotland he might either be
 appointed to officiate at New Scotland, or he
 would easily obtain an appointment in
 this Colony - I have merely mentioned these
 circumstances to you in consequence of Mr. Cheaps's
 letter - I am ready to render all the service I
 can to promote the object of the Society, and in
 any way that Divine Providence may point
 out - My long Expiration in this Colony might be
 of some service in the first instance -

Rev. J. Pratt
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I am Dear Rev. Sir
 Yours affectionately
 Saml. Morrison