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Mr Wm King to the Secy.

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Bay of Islands N Zealand

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1 Rev<sup>d</sup> and Dear Sir

The Ship Harriet offers me

an opportunity to let you know of our safety in this place  
I hope these Lines will find you in good Health as they leaves  
us, thanks be to God for this & all other survivors -- after sur-  
-mounting in the strength of Christ many heavy Trials - and  
passed through good & evil report - I have been enabled  
to begin instructing four Boys in Spinning fishing-Lines and turning

the Wheels - they are active & quick in learning here is two  
Boys that have spun some Lines & laid them up with  
my assistance -- I have sent them to Mr Marsden & expect  
he will forward <sup>them</sup> to you Sir -- the most labour I have  
with them in regard to learning is to prevail upon them  
to stay constantly & persevere -- to bring them off their wild habits  
& customs to stay their Minds upon their Workse. --

I have nine natives in general to maintain & pay - some  
times more -- their words & actions are often obscene,  
at times it is needful to reprove or scold them for it, this  
they can hardly bear, while they <sup>can</sup> find a place of more  
liberty & less controule -- I have need of much patience  
to bring them on by degrees as they can bear -- I have had  
a great deal of work to do before I could begin to teach them  
spinning but now my time will be spent in leading them  
on in their principal branch of my duty -- I may say I have  
just made a beginning -- and I believe that good will be

done amongst these natives in proportion to the Society  
Zeal Activity & unity of those that labour among  
49 them - May the Lord be pleased to raise up & send Labourers  
among this people to open their eyes to turn them from  
Satan to God through Jesus Christ - - I have fenced two  
acres of Ground in, three parts of it, I have put in Wheat  
at this time, the ground is not good a light crop must  
be expected, but it is a beginning, the natives are growing  
plenty of Potatoes & Indian corn but Wheat they cannot manage  
at present - -

Sir. I wrote to you a long time ago for two  
Hemp Hackles & one course Flax Hackles likewise to Mr Marsden  
but have not received them as yet - - The Hackles I brought  
from England with me are too weak for the natives to learn  
on, they would break, to pierce <sup>them</sup> & the spinning would be totally  
stopped therefore at present I am confined in my work for  
want of them, & can go on only in a narrow way - - If you will  
be so kind as to send them as soon as convenient I shall be much  
obliged to you for them - - When I receive them I shall be enabled  
to employ more natives & shall need more Trade to feed & pay  
them, in proportion as I am supported or supplied the H. Society  
may confidently be assured I shall do my utmost to forward  
their designs - -

Until Decr 1816, I was kept under & back  
from doing my Duty, but at that time Mr Marsden  
was pleased to send us down a quantity of Axes & Hoes &c -  
they was (after the fourth part was taken out for the school)  
divided according to our families, which Trade enabled me

to get a fence up round the rope walk & in March began spinning -- and I have the satisfaction to say here in two Bays that can spin & if they persevere, I have no doubt but they will soon lay the Lines up & finish them themselves

for the present we stand in need of every support & encouragement but I shall endeavour to make the best of every thing I can and get the natives on to work & offer as much a profitable support, but we cannot controul nor drive them, it is not likely in my opinion that I shall be able to do any thing to lessen the expence I have or may incur not for four or five years to come. if my life is preserved untill then, I don't know what good may be done, we are only a beginning -- May the blessing of God rest upon you & Family, upon all your labors and work of the Lord is the sincere prayer of

Red Ori

your most affectionate  
and obedient Servant

John King

P.S. I have sent six Lines and a small parcel of Tlax directed to M<sup>r</sup> Wilson, a small parcel of Tlax directed to you, and a letter and a small parcel of Tlax directed to my Father to the care of Red D. Wilson, there are all put in M<sup>r</sup> Kendall Box directed to the Church Missionary House, I expect M<sup>r</sup> Marsden to send some Lines, that I sent to him a little time since by the natives

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