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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 Work &c. --

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 this principal branch of my duty -- I may say I have  
just made a beginning -- and I believe that good will be