

Thomas Kendall to Samuel Marsden

Bay of Islands March 3. 1818

Rev^d and Dear Sir

Captain Thompson is trying to fill up with Logs at the Cavalles this time, but I do not think the natives can supply his wants the Timber is so very far from the shore. I did not think it prudent for him to take the Active up the Bay to Takooa-kooa. The natives do not like your trade after such abundant supplies from the Harriet, and besides, the greatest part of them are now away at the River Thames and other distant parts of the island. I would also advise you to send the vessel to the Bay Tootookaka on the other side of Cape Brett when you want more Spars. Shunghee and Gunna engage to accompany the Captain to that place. When the gentlemen at Tookooakooa find you can fill the Active else where they will not be so saucy. Toutadde, Takokee &c and even Wevea say, you must not take her to any other place. I can tell them you will [f] serve them at some future opportunity.

By this Conveyance is sent a Chief from this side of the River Thames who has been waiting here two months for a passage. Ko Tete, who married Shunghees eldest daughter, Ko Tawha a Son of the late Tipahee and Ko Toungahoodoo the Son of the Chief Okeda Ko Taoöhe the uncle of the New Zealand female who is now at the Orphan School is also sent. I think you have a select party of Natives this time for their mildness and peaceable behaviour, my Scholars Ko Tawha and Toungahoodoo will please M^{rs} Marsden. I believe them both to be strictly honest. Tahraha is afraid of the sea, but says he will embark the next time. I expect you will

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see another of my Scholars whose name is Pou should Captⁿ Smith of the rambler put in to Port Jackson— Captⁿ Watson has been here, he treated us very politely. [f] The rambler [sic] people say they heard in England that the Kangaroo is lost. I wait to hear by return of the Active from Port Jackson. My first New Zealand friend Toi was on board— I do not write to M^r Pratt by this conveyance— I intend to write fully by the Katherine and when the Active comes to us again. Whidooa will not take the Port Jackson Axes for the Spars. He says his friends will not be content without a good musket when the Active returns. I am glad to hear from Captⁿ Thompson and others that the greatest harmony continues throughout the Crew of the Active. Both Captain and Men appear to take delight in their duty. I do not know whether Taparee or his Brother of Wangaroa will embark this time.

I remain

Rev^d & Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Tho^s Kendall

M^{rs} Kendall & Daughters unite

in best regards to yourself

M^{rs} Marsden Miss Marsden

& the whole family —