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Rev. Samuel Marsden to Secretary

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Rev. J. Pearson Comd. of Cor. Nov 27/18

I am extremely happy to inform you that all is going on well at New Zealand. The Settlers are united, and the natives are friendly, and improving very much. They have begun to grow wheat and Indian Corn; and have sent me a fine sample of wheat grown there as ever was seen. The Settlers inform me that after this season they will want no more wheat or corn from Port Jackson. They have written for 40 bushels which I shall send by the Active, which will sail in a few days. I have 12 New Zealanders over with me now, some have been a considerable time, and others only arrived by the Active. Most of them will return by her, as they have only come on a visit. Nothing tends more to enlarge their minds than to see the advantages of civil life. I keep some of them constantly at rope making and spinning twine, as I have no doubt, but their own plan will at some future day be an object of great importance. I intend to send you a coil of rope by the David Shaw.

made at Parramatta by one of my servants
and a New Zealander. All the main rigging and
most of the other Ropes belonging to the vessel
are made of New Zealand Flax. Hitherto the
Rope has stood well. I will thank you to get
some Judges to examine the Rope I send
and inform me what their Judgment is.
There would be native Flax to find constant
~~in constant~~ Employment ^{for them} should the Rope prove
Good. which I think it will.

Mr Kendall has sent me a number of Copy
Books which I have forwarded to you, at least some
of them. His School goes on well, he hath sent
a pretty large Spelling Book to get printed.
I have not sent it to the Press, but have submitted it to
the Inspection of our Supreme Judge; who will give
his opinion upon the whole, and write to Mr
Kendall respecting it, in order that it may be
made as perfect as possible with the means
we have. Mr Kendall is a most faithful and
laborious man; is much esteemed by the Natives
and appears to have his whole mind occupied
in the great work. I must send him Supplies
for the support of his School, and then the
Children, will

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will make greater Progress by being constantly
at their Books. I have a Chief with me now from
the River Thames. who is very desirous for some
of our People to live amongst them. when the
Settlement at the Bay of Islands is able to supply
themselves with Bread, and other Articles that
can be grown there, then the natives in other
Parts may be assisted. I wish much to visit them
again, and the Settlers are very desirous for me
to go if I could obtain leave, but that is impossible
at the present time. Perhaps if another Opportunity
should come out I might obtain his Permission
was I to go again. I should enquire more into
the interior of the Country, and endeavour to learn
more of the natural Productions, and its
Population. The Settlers are now visited by
the Natives who live more than two hundred
miles to the South: in order that they may
obtain an Ax or any other Iron work. Mr
Fendall will write by the Catherine more
fully as he informs me, when she sails. It would
be a great Relief if it was possible for me to get an
Assistant Chaplain, I then could go to visit the
and should have more time to attend to the
Concerns of the mission - with the same

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Futures of my situation, I have little time upon
my hands.

All friendly communication between me, and
the Governor has been cut off for a long time
I can hope for no Indulgence from him; but
on the contrary every possible Annoyance.
His Secretary is his confidential Adviser, and a
greater Enemy in my Opinion never existed to
the Gospel of our blessed Lord. That you would
see from the Libel, when he was bold enough
to publish that Libel in the Sydney Gazette
you will easily conceive what his private
Sentiment will be; and that he will use no means
to wound and grieve the Servants of Jesus. The
Enemy has gained no point. All has yet turned
out to his Confusion and Shame. Distrust
and by the same Influence kept in the
Colony much against my will, and must submit
to ^{the} Authority over me. Many of my Friends advise
me to leave the Colony in Opposition to the Governor
as I am willing to give up my public Situation; but
this I will not do. I have committed no offence, and
will not run away; but stand my Ground till I
am relieved. as I think this will be more
becoming my sacred Character; and in the End
tend to style the Enemy I am to be your
Rev. J. Wrottt
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