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Rev. Samuel Marsden to Secretary

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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.