

*Samuel Marsden to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt*

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Dear Sir,/

I have sent by this Conveyance Sydney Gazette; for near one year and an half. Some Copy Books from New Zealand. I think Mr Kendall has now more than thirty who write. There is also a Coil at Rope directed for you. I wish the Society to have it tried, and know its value. This rope was made at Parramatta by a Servant of mine, and [in a] young Chief who is learning rope making. There is also a case of mats and some stone [?] in it. directed for you at the Missionary House under the Care of Captain Kerr. I fear many of the Articles I send never arrive [f] will you inform me whether the stone is of any Value or not . It is abundant Should it be worth any thing. A great Painter here has tried it, and he informs me it makes a beautiful Sky Blue that will stand any time.

I forgot to mention in the Order for Articles one very valuable, and highly esteemed Instriment, namely the Jesus Harp – Should any be sent out let them be good, and put up in on tin Case – The last were much Damaged by salt water. The Chiefs informed me the last night, [crossed out] when in conversation with them the Jesus Harp was very fine music, [f] it quite charmed them when they were sleepy, and all the new Zealanders were very fond of them – On the Arrival of the David Shaw, you will have the Goodness to inquire after the things I have sent. The Letters—I have forwarded under Cover to the owners for Safety, as I am afraid of them being lost which is the Case some times in such a Country as this. Mrs Cartwright returns

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by the David Shaw. Whether she will come out again or not I cannot tell. I have requested her to wait upon you when in London—

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Dear Sir.

Yours affectionately

Saml. Marsden

P.S. I expect the Active will sail in three days N. Zealand in such [?] has. I cannot send the Accounts this time. Revd. J. Pratt—