

Samuel Marsden to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

Parramatta Augt. 7th 1818

Rev^d & dear Sir,

I have judged it most prudent to forward this Spelling Book to England to the Society as it may be printed in London with more Care and less Expense than in this Colony. There is no Press By Governments, and under existing Circumstances it would be difficult for me to get it printed. As Captain Welsh of the Claudine, has been so kind as to take Charge of it I embrace the opportunity to transmit it to you. It is Captain Welsh's Intention to return to this Colony, and if nothing prevents him, to leave England in June next. By that time perhaps you may get the Spelling Book printed – I have sent M^r Kendall's Instruction to me, which you will see – and at the sametime [sic] an open Letter. Captain Welsh has been so good as to take with him two New Zealand Chiefs, young men, who have been with me some time Taurua – and Towrou – the latter has been brought up for a priest, so far as he has been Instructed in the mysteries of their Superstitions. Captain Welsh will not charge any thing for their Passage, and he has also been [f] kind enough to say that he will bring them back again with him, when he returns – The young men are very well disposed; and anxious to acquire knowledge – As their visit to England will be attended with little or no Expense to the Society thro' the kindness of Captain Welsh, I thought it would promote the object of the mission, to comply with their request to visit England. They may perhaps want a little Clothing which I have no doubt the Society will readily [sic]

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furnish them with— Towru-a has been learning to dress Flax, and spin Twine for more than a year with me; and has made considerable progress. I shall soon be looking for the Return of Tooi and Teeterree— Their Friends are anxious to see them once again— Captain Welsh will have an opportunity of bringing any thing out the Society may wish to send—

I am

Dear Sir

Yours very sincerely

Samuel Marsden

Rev^d J. Pratt