

Teeterree to Samuel Marsden

Church Missionary House

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My dear Friend

Mr Marsden,

I very glad to see my master and very kind friend Mrs Marsden again. I hope Mrs Marsden quite well, and my young friend Charly Marsden, and Elizabeth, and Hannah, and Mary, and Jane, and Martha, and Mrs Bishop, all well.

I live in England very happy, Mr Pratt very good kind man. I like Englishman very much: he love New Zealand man. I very sick in Missionary House, and very near die: nothing but bone. Kind friend Missionary pray for me every night. When I got better we went to Madely in Shropshire. I stop in the Country four Months. Very kind people up the country, kind lady, kind gentleman, kind every body. I show them cook potatoes my country fashion I very glad to learn read the Book a little. Mr Hall come along with me and Tooi if please the Lord. I kneel down in my bed room every night and pray to Jesus Christ our Saviour to learn me read the book. I no see my kind friend Mr Hassall for four months. Very nice country England. I never see the King England he very poorly and Queen Charlotte very poorly too. I see the iron make, and bottle blow. Tooi blow a bottle and I blow a bottle. I make four cups at china work. Me and Tooi hold plate at Church, Missionary Sermon, got plenty money. Mr Bickersteth very kind man. Englishman very kind gave me every thing Axe, Adze, knife, iron pot,

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peacock feather. I got a Bible and Prayer Book and two chests of Carpenters tools. I very glad I can say the Lords Prayer all through, and begin learn the Commandments.

I do like to live in England M^r Coughie he no give me leave, very bad friend. M^r Nicholas very glad to see me and Tooi. Captain Jeffreys very kind young man, he take care of me and Tooi. I like to have as good a Captain when I go home, I no like the bad language at all.

I hope if the Lord please to find M^r Kendall, M^r Hall and M^r King and all my friends well. Hope New Zealand man little quiet and no fight. M^r Hall took me see the Tower, see thousand thousand guns; no [f] give me one at all. See Lion, Elephant, Monkey, and Cockatoo: the Cockatoo he know me very well. A Blacksmith coming with us to New Zealand, he kneel down every night and pray for New Zealand man. I hope you pray for me, I pray God bless you M^r Marsden, farewell good friend.

(Signed) Teeterree