

Recd. June 14/19, by the "Catherine"

Comd. July 20/19, by the "Catherine"

(Copy) Settlers to the Rev. S. Marsden

Bay of Islands Dec. 1. 1818

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Comd. (in Cor^{ce}) June 22/19

In answer to your enquiry respecting the number of axes &c^r required by this settlement for purchasing from the natives such things as we want to eat, and for the purpose of agriculture for one year, we beg leave to state, that the following articles, viz.

200 English falling axes

100 Small broad axes weight from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs each

200 English Hoes

6 Cwt of bar Iron for flat Tokes.

Some fish hooks, and a few adzes, spades, Scissors

&c^r as convenient to send, would in our opinion

be sufficient, whilst the settlement remains as it is now, and that we could generally procure therewith all needful supplies except in such cases as when the natives can dispose of their property for muskets and powder. On these occasions the ordinary course of the support of such settlers as have not these

articles in their possession must necessarily be suspended.
It may be necessary to observe, that the New Zealanders
here having been so well supplied with all kinds
of axes, hoes and different articles of english
iron mongery during the past four years, nothing
but good english axes, adzes, hoes &c. will now
obtain amongst them; they are also so much
enlightened and so well skilled in bartering that
it is almost useless sending axes and articles of
barter of an inferior quality or make. We believe
that one english axe is worth more than three of
the same size made at Port Jackson. The natives
will not bring their property for sale for the latter
in sufficient quantities, they will sooner reserve
it for shipping. We wish for no bill hooks or
battle axes except you have any already in the
Society's store as they are used only as savage weapons
Small broad axes are a good article. We want no
beads.

In our way of dividing all such stores as are sent for the settlement, it has already been remarked to you, that each man, woman, and child has a fair proportion, and after such distribution has been made we wish to inform you that it has been our practice to act as individual settlers, and not as a body. There is no extra support allowed by the body of settlers to any individual settler for the exercise of his own particular calling, and although we perfectly agree in opinion, that whether the spinning of twine or flax, the sawing of timber, the management of a school or any other branch of employment can be carried on at all without extra support, yet we leave it to every professional man to state the nature and the amount of his wants to you and we request you to consider particularly this, and afford him separate supplies otherwise he will fail.

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in the duty he has undertaken to perform. We
remain, Rev. Sir your very obedient servants

Rev. S. Marsden

Signed by all the

Missionary Settlers —

A true Copy

Thos. Kendall