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Rev^d Dear Sir 22/19.

Available opportunity now offers for communicating to you and from you to us, which I gladly embrace. — The Catherine Capt^r Graham is now laying in our Bay, bound direct for England. — He is a South Sea Whaler and means to return immediately after discharging his Cargo in London. — When on his former Voyage home about three years ago, I wrote to you by him requesting the favour of a few articles, such as I had been robbed of by the Natives, but I never received any of them nor any letters from England these several years past. — yet I always continued to write at every opportunity, the Natives under my direction and instruction work very well almost beyond my expectation, I have generally four pairs of Sawyers at work, sawing Timber into boards, planks, Rafting for fences &c &c I have spared neither labour nor expense in their instruction, I have expended 20 of my own, in trade for the Natives that I never charged any thing for. — I have sawed upwards of a thousand feet with them myself. We are making strong Rafting fences round our houses yards and gardens all of sawed Timber, and I have sent nearly 2000 feet of 3 Inch plank 12 Inches deep to Port Jackson, in order to assist in defraying the Natives expenses. — We have built three Smith Shops in the Settlement, we have two Natives amongst us that are

123 taught the Blacksmiths business to a certain degree, the
one was taught here by the Blacksmith that we had, and
the other was taught at Fort Jackson, under the direction of
Mr. Marden, — I have also built a Smith Shop that I work in
myself occasionally, with the Tools that you kindly sent out
with me, — I can make small adzes nails and many other
useful things, that serve to purchase potatoes for labour
&c. with. — I visit my working Natives three times a day
regularly with potatoes and pork, and Mr. H. cooks it all
for them. — We have succeeded tolerably well in cul-
tivation likewise, — I have as much wheat growing this year
as will serve my family the year round, and every one in
the settlement has got some more or less. — we keep in-
creasing gradually by making more improvements and
cultivations every year. — And in respect to the language
we can speak it sufficiently well to enable us to buy or sell
any thing to them or get our work done, in short we can
speak pretty fluently upon any common subject. — But
as to writing it grammatically, or translating any part of
the Scriptures we are utterly unequal to the work, —
We wish very much to have a Minister or two amongst us
classically educated, and the more living languages
they understand they will be the better qualified for their
work, but I must refer these things to your superior
judgments, and to the righteous judge of all things. —
We hope we have an interest in your prayers, and in the
prayers of all those that wish well to the increase of Christ's
Kingdom and the building up of his Church upon earth,
and that the Lord may qualify and preserve many faithful

labourers for his vineyard, and hasten the time when
the Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms
of our Lord and of his Christ, is the sincere and fervent
Prayer of Rev^d & Dear Sir

your most obedient Serv^t

In Christ

Wm Hall

P. S. I have sent you a natives Box as an article of
curiosity, it is such as the N. Zealanders make to put
their feathers in that they ornament their heads with
and a few other trifles which you will please to accept.
Please to send me a good suit of black cloathing if con-
venient, a dozen pair of black stockings for self,
and a dozen for Mr H, and two or three pounds of black
wool, such things are very difficult for us to obtain
here, and if you send the prices to Mr. Mander I will
settle with him for them.

I received a parcel of Carlisle Newspapers some time
ago which are very interesting to us, I had no letters
with them, but I suppose they must have come
through your hands, for which I return my sincerest
thanks. — We have had no reports or registers
or Stationary this long time past. by sending these things
you will much oblige —

Rev^d & Dear

your Obe^t Servants

and labourers

In Christ

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