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Mr Wm Hall to the Secy

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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, railing 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 railing 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