

MS. 56/114

*From Thomas Kendall [to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt]*

Bay of Islands Dec<sup>r</sup> 17. 1818

Rev<sup>d</sup> and Dear Sir,

I understand my Colleague M<sup>r</sup> King has requested you to send him, a few spinning Wheels in order to teach the female scholars to spin. I think you would do very right to encourage M<sup>r</sup> King in this work. The Natives are often tedious visitants, and when they come, all out doors work is generally laid aside, but as spinning can be carried on in the house he would always have an opportunity to employ his time. To spin thread would be much better, than to make Native Matts. M<sup>r</sup> King is in very great want of a suitable building for his other work and also for the above purpose [f] and he has not hitherto been allowed any support for the express purpose of of [sic] maintaining those natives whom he has employed in twine spinning. I trust M<sup>r</sup> Marsden will attend to his needful wants – Perhaps you will remind M<sup>r</sup> Marsden when you write to him again

I am

Rev<sup>d</sup> and Dear Sir

Your faithful Serv<sup>t</sup>

Tho<sup>s</sup> Kendall –