

From William Hall [to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt]

Bay of Islands Dec^r 17th 1818

Rev^d & Dear Sir/

The Bearer of this note is a Native of N. Zealand, his original name is He Ngu-Ngu but his present name is Mary, he was formerly a Servant of mine, he lived with me about two years, he works well, he cultivated land for me, made fences &c. — I commenced sawing Timber with him, and would have continued it, had he remained with me. But he expressed a desire to go to Sea, and Captⁿ Graham of the Cathrine [sic], came into the Bay and agreed to take him, and after remaining twenty months on board the Ship, untill [sic] the cargo was procured, and behaving himself well all the time. Captⁿ Graham respected him so much, that he has taken him [f] home to England with the intention og bringing him out again on his return.— Hengungu lived with us at the time we were robbed by the Natives, and exerted himself very much on our behalf, he received several wounds on his arms in striving to save some of our property, and for such a friendly interposition, I am in gratitude bound to remember him. —

I remain Rev^d & Dear Sir

Yours most Sincerely

And affectionately

W^m Hall