

Rec^d. June 14/19, by the "Catherine"

Mr Tho^s Kendall to the Sec^y.

Rev^d Josiah Pratt

Bay of Islands, Dec. 16. 1818

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Rev^d and Dear Sir,

I have formerly acquainted you that during the first two or three years residence of your Missionary Settles at this place, we have never been visited with a number of natives exceeding, in my opinion, two or three hundred at a time. I have now to inform you that in the course of the last twelve months we have been visited by much larger parties. In the month of March last fifty War and other Canoes containing about one thousand persons were at this settlement. When numbers of natives are about us they are often very troublesome, it being a difficult matter for the chiefs who are most friendly to our interests to keep their people under restraint. I conceive our trials will be much heavier for some years to come, than they hitherto have been, the cause