

Thomas Kendall to Samuel Marsden

Bay of Islands April 21. 1819

Rev^d and Dear Sir,

I hope Captⁿ Beveridge who has completed his Cargo with Spars and Pork amongst our Takooakooa friends will now have an opportunity to wipe away that unjust reproach which was cast upon them by the Captain of the Harriet in the Sydney Gazette. Was it not natural for Pomarree to be angry when his daughter's scull had been laid open with a piece of wood by M^r Hunt & the Second Mate because she would not comply with his wishes and go down with him his birth? And why was Whevea speared in the back? Was he not ordered by the Captain to fetch a girl from one of the Sailors? The girl was threatened to be hung up at the yard arm if she would not comply, and the Sailor who had slept two nights with the same woman said he had as much right to her as the captain, and actually speared Whevea whilst he was in the act of pulling her away. I heard of these things and therefore kept entirely from the Ship. The Captain seems [f] to have dispatched with his sailors for a glass of rum and for little or nothing. He had no right to invite Missionaries to watch upon his decks. If he could not have done otherwise he ought to have put to sea. He was very blamable in making promises to the natives which he never intended to perform in order to induce them to exert themselves to fill his Vessel. He was never likely to gain the good will of the Natives by such a measure. Captⁿ Beveridge is quite a different Man and the whole of the Native Chiefs are well satisfied with his conciliatory manners, and his commercial transactions with them. And am Rev^d Sir

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Your very faithful Serv^t

Tho. Kendall

Rev^d S. Marsden

If you ask Towha he will confirm the above observations—

You may perhaps remember then infamous report published in the
Sydney Gazette to which M^r Kendall alludes S. Marsden