

Del. Jdr. 27 1819, by the Josephine
Cork to Mr M. Nov. 25/19

Private - Mr Kendall to the Rev. S. Mission 160
Bay of Islands April 21 1819

Bro. and Dear Sir, Com. (in Cor.) Nov. 8/19.

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I hope Capt. Beveridge who has completed his Camp with Spears 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 Pomaree to be angry when his daughter's skull had been laid open with a piece of wood by Mr Hunt the second mate because she would not comply with his wishes and go down with him to his birth? And why was Whewea 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 Whewea whilst he was in the act of pulling her away.

I heard of these things and therefore kept entirely from the ship. The Captain seemed

to have disputes with his sailors for
a glass of rum and for little or nothing.
He had no right to invite missionaries
to wait 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. Capt. 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 told his

Your very faithful servt

Wm. Kendall

Bro. S. Mendenhall

If you ask Towha he will confirm
the above observations —

perhaps remember the infamous paper
published in the ^{Gazette} Sydney to which Mr. Kendall
alludes
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