

*From John King [to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt]*

Bay of Islands New Zealand

May 13<sup>th</sup> 1819—

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

I have just now received two Letters, & a Case of Goods by the Active, which you was pleased to send me in the Tottenham from England, for which I return my sincere thanks to you Sir— and to our Honourable Society—

The Ship “Rambler” Cap<sup>n</sup> Smith is lying here full of Oil— will be redy [sic] to sail in a few Days— it gives me a good oppertunaty to let you know that we are here in safety and Health— persevering in the instruction & improvement of the natives. I got 28 Bushels of Wheat off two acres of land last season. I am breaking up one acre more & fencing it in, & geting the Language & spining [sic] is my principle work [f] after all the disputes and uneasiness amongst us & greif that it has caused you— I sincerely hope & pray that for the futur [sic] I shall be enabled to go on in a more christain [sic] spirit— Cap<sup>n</sup> Smith is now come on shore for our Letters— please to excuse this short letter— and I remain Rev<sup>d</sup> & Dear Sir

Your most unworthy

Servant

John King

May 15 1819

Bay of Islands

I have sent a list of artickles if you will be so kind as to forward them to me I shall be much oblidgeed &c