

Settlers at Bay of Islands to CMS Secretaries Josiah Pratt and Edward Bickersteth

Bay of Islands May 17. 1819

Rev^d Sirs,

In answer to your remark to M^r Kendall in a letter bearing date June 17. 1817 respecting muskets and powder, and to a letter from the Rev^d Sam^l Marsden to M^r Kendall bearing date Feby 25th 1819 of the same import, we think it our duty to state that it is our wish to abstain entirely from disposing of such articles to the Natives of New Zealand, and that we have no doubt but we could carry the same into effect without injury to our families or to the general welfare of the Settlement provided no such dealings were allowed to be carried on by any individual settler, and a complete stop should be put to private trade, as expressed in our agreement dated March 30 last. We are [f] Rev^d Sirs

Your most obedient and

Obliged Servants

W^m Carlisle

John King

Tho^s Kendall

W^m Hall

Cha^s Gordon

The Rev^d Josiah Pratt

And

The Rev^d Edw^d Bickersteth

Secretaries &c

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The above was written in expectation that the whole of the settlers would not sign but only a part of them— But it was the same as the other agreement presented to the whole for signature. [In Kendall's hand]