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Letters to the Secretaries

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Rev. Sirs.

In answer to your remark to Mr. Kendall
in a letter bearing date June 7. 1817 respecting muskets
and powder, and to a letter from the Rev. Saml.
Marsden to Mr. Kendall bearing date Feby 25.th
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