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Rev. John Marsden to the Secy.

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By Mr Ship Survey to England
Capt^o Raine

Through the tender mercy of our God and Saviour;
I have to announce to you, our safe arrival in New South
Wales; on Saturday June 26th 1819, all in good health.
We can in the fullest sense, take up the language of
Holy Scripture, and say, surely goodness & mercy hath
followed ^{us} all the days of our life. But more
especially at this present time; we are led to contemplate
the loving kindness of the Lord; His great goodness; His
merciful protection of us, His unworthy servants,
throughout a long Voyage. Through many dangers,
perils, toils, storms, & tempests, we have already
come, but the Lord of Hosts, who holdeth the waters
in the hollow of his hand, & ^{the} winds in his fist,
hath ever been with us, the God of Jacob, hath been
our refuge. To Him we made our supplications,
He heard our prayers, He sent his mercy and
truth, to be our comfort and support in the hour
of danger, and in the time of distress, and in his
own good time, he hath brought us in safety
to our desired Port, and to the house of our beloved
and sincere friend Mr Marsden, under whose
roof we enjoy every temporal, and spiritual
comfort, and consolation. Our bodily strength
hath been greatly renewed and invigorated.

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advise, his tender and sympathetic exhortations, our
spiritual strength hath been renewed, and our souls
comforted. May the Lord return into his own bosom,
and that of his family, an hundred fold, may the
^{Lord} be unto him and ^{his} family as the dew unto Israel, and pour
upon them the continual dew of His blessing.

During our Voyage we had much to hear, and forbear. Things
which called forth all the faith and patience we could muster,
but I trust they had this good effect upon our hearts,
that, they drove us to a throne of grace, to seek wisdom
and strength from above, to guide and support ^{us} under
every trial and temptation, against the artifices of men
and the malice and wiles of ^{the} devil. But we were made
to know and feel that the offense of the cross of X^t, hath not
ceased and that whosoever will live godly in Christ Jesus
shall suffer persecution in one way or other. Wicked and unreason-
able men are ever endeavouring to supplant the feet of God's
children; and continually watching for their fall. It is
their delight to see discord among brethren, saying
Ah! so would we have it. But blessed be His
Holy name, those who have endeavoured to trouble and
perplex ^{us} have not ^{been} able to obtain their desires. The weapons
which they have used to sever; have been the very means
of strengthening the cords of our love, ^{one to another} and uniting
us in stronger bonds of affection. I persuaded it
will be a matter of great comfort and joy to you,
to know, that whatever troubles we may have endured

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from outward things; we have had peace and harmony within, among ourselves, the Lord has been with us and blessed us. We have ~~had~~ ^{on Sundays} had Divine Service, regularly in Mr. Halls, Cabin throughout the whole of our Voyage; we have had also a regular family worship & reading the Holy Scriptures morning and evening. These means of grace have been a source of the greatest comfort and consolation to us. Our blessed Lord has indeed manifested Himself to us, in a peculiar manner; and made us to rejoice in His mercy & goodness, when we have called upon His Holy Name in one corner of the ship. In the school we established among the Convicts, the Lord was ^{there also} ~~with~~ ^{us,} and we ^{have} good reason to believe that our labours were not in vain in the Lord, many were brought to attend regularly on the reading of Gods word; and we ^{have} good reason to believe that the precious seed of divine truth hath been sown in the hearts of several of them: and we earnestly pray, it may be watered and nourished, by the Holy Spirit of Grace, until it bear fruit an hundred fold. We all had some little illness in the course of our passage, some more, some less than the other, but in bodily infirmity, Sister Kempf suffered the most, being poorly nearly the whole way, but I bless God she is much better at this time. But afflictions; (like other things) have been made to work together for our good.

19 It is with great pleasure I state to you that our Stores
and layd out
we received, safe and with as little damage as could be
expected. We are at this time busily employed in getting
them put into order, ready for re-embarkation for New Zealand.
There is an American Brigg lying in the Harbour at Sydney.
Mr Marsden purposes to take her up for our passage to
N^o Zealand, as the Active is at sea. If this is done we
shall leave Parramatta in a fortnight for the place
of our final destination.

To / The Rev Josiah Pratt
Church Missionary House
Salisbury Square London
England

Some writings this letter, and ^{state} has been received for Mr Marsden to
accompany us to N^o Zealand —

Mr Marsden has also written to the Governour for
permission to accompany us to New Zealand, I humbly
hope this favour will be granted, as his presence and
instructions, will be of the utmost importance
to our mission. We rejoice to hear that all our friends
and their families are well in New Zealand, we long
to be with them, and join in the great work of our
Lord & our God. Dear Sirs affectionately yours Bro Batters