

named the General Gates to convey us to the place of our final destination. we are to sail for New Zealand on the 25th of this month at farthest. Two carpenters are engaged at Parramatta to accompany us, & to assist us in the erection of Buildings. Mr. M^r also intends to engage a Brickmaker & Bricklayer of Melluright if possible, to go with us to N. Zealand.

Sunday 11th July - Preached in the Morng at Parramatta Church from the 22nd Chap of the Gospel - St Luke and 19th Verso. And he took bread & c. The Holy Sacrament was administered aft^r Sermon.

Mr Marsden has nearly completed a Seminary on his Estate for the New Zealanders - called Rangahoo. This will be of great importance. as the New Zealanders will have opportunity of coming to Parramatta from time to time, and being under the fostering care of Mr Marsden. They cannot fail to ^{make} rapid progress in the knowledge of Agriculture and other useful Arts. Their moral habits will be much improved, and ^{their} minds expanded; and ^{by} the blessing of God, their souls will be prepared for the good seed of His Holy word & the reception of the gospel of Christ. They will also be hostages for the security of our settlement at Bay of Islands. We have good reason also, to hope, that they will return to their own country, and become able coadjutors in the great work, of spreading the knowledge of Christ, throughout their own Land.

There are five men & one woman ~~at~~ this time, at Parramatta from New Zealand; They seem a kind and affectionate people.

Dear Sir; I must conclude this epistle with my sincere love to you and your family. My Brethren, & family, Tony & Catherine, also send their sincere love and affection to yourself and family, also to our dear friends Mr & Mrs Buckenitt, Mr & Mrs Cooper - and all friends of the C. M. Society.
I am your faithful and Obedt^t Serv^t B. Butler