

*Samuel Marsden and Robert Cartwright to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt*

Parramatta N.S. Wales

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Rev<sup>d</sup> & Dear Sir

The Bearer, D. Reid Esqr surgeon in the Royal Navy, has offered his services as a medical Man for New Zealand. Perhaps there is not a Gentlemen of his profession in Europe better qualified for such an important situation – He is a man of great Experience, solid Judgment, and naturally tender and humane. He would in a little time be able to instruct some of the Chiefs' Sons in Medicine and Surgery: as many of the Boys who are young would be readily taught. When the Natives get their own Medical men they will be exceedingly benefited and in the end, much expence would be saved to the Society. The sooner the Natives can be instructed in the simple Arts, and all useful Knowledge the sooner will they be ranked with civilized Nations.

If the Society can come to [f] terms with D<sup>r</sup> Reid we shall be pleased, as we think he would be of the utmost advantage to the settlement, not only as a Medical man, but from his general Knowledge and Experience of men and things.

Under this impression we beg to recommend the subject to the kind consideration of the Committee

and have the honor to be

Rev & Dear Sir

Your most obed & hble Serts

Samuel Marsden

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