

Rev. S. Marsden to the Secy

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Dear Sir (Cont. (in Cover) Oct. 9/20)

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As the Rev. Mr. Butler & his colleagues will write to you, it will not be necessary for me to trouble you with any long statements. I am much struck with the singular Providence of God, that the same ship that brought them out, should at the same time bring my leave of Absence: a favour which I so very earnestly solicited about 18. months ago. The Reasons that then urged me to leave the Colony do not so strongly exist as they did at the time I made Application to return to Europe. As two aft. Chaplains have been sent out; and Permission for me to return Home, I considered this a favourable opportunity to request the Gov^r to allow me to accompany Mr. Butler to New Zealand, in order to arrange the future Plans for the permanent welfare of that Settlement. I accordingly wrote to the Governor, stating that it was not in my power to await my self of the Indigene granted me to return Home, as the Ship would sail immediately for Europe, by that Ship; and therefore begged his Excellency would allow me to proceed to New Zealand for a short time, which favour the Governor granted me on Condition that I would

provide Accommodations for the Clergy man
who did my duty in my Absence free from all
Expense to the Crown. This Condition I readily
complied with. Had I not received Leave of Absence
I should not have presumed to have asked Permission
to visit New Zealand. Having obtained the proper
Permission, and knowing the Active was too
small to carry the Passengers and their Stores,
and being absent on her Voyage I determined
to take up the first Ship I could in the Harbour,
in order that the Rev. Mr. Butler might as
soon as possible arrive at their Place of Desti-
-nation and begin their work. I therefore hired
the American Brig 200 Tons, who was in the
Cove, and the time appointed for our sailing is
fixed for the 25th Instant. The Settlers for New
Zealand would get no advantage in this Colony;
an heavy expense would have been incurred
daily while they remained here, where every
thing is at such a Price; and the sooner they
began their work, the longer time they would
have to do it in. It is my intention to take over
a few mechanics to enable them to put up the
necessary Buildings, Church, Parsonage, and to
form a regular Government amongst them
before I return if my leave is granted. I hope
also to have a little more time to examine
into the Country, and to see what are its
Capabilities. News wonderfully has been over

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ruled the wills and Affections of several men
with respect to this mission. If there was one
object in life that I wished to attain more than
any other, it was this, that I might visit the
Island. If I had not been compelled to apply
for leave of absence, for reasons I need not
explain I never should have done so. But
now has this turned out to the accomplishment
of my wishes? I hope now to introduce Mr. Butler
to all the leading Chiefs - to conciliate their
and to fix the settlement on a firm foundation.
I cannot doubt the suitability of the instruments
you have sent out. Their wisdom on the
voyage, and Providence since their arrival
convince me that they are fully bent upon
their work. and if they can only begin at
the right End, we may hope for a success-
ful Issue of their labors. I shall assist them to
the utmost of my power. The evils that
have existed at the settlement, have un-
doubtedly been small, where every man did what
was right in his own eyes. We care will
now be changed - and trust we shall be
able to lay down such Rules, and keep them
who are employed in the work. to their
proper duties, as to prevent the existence of
of any great Differences amongst them -
when the Active arrives at Sydney, I shall

leave orders for her to be fitted out, and by the
sent for me. After my return from N. Zealand,
it will depend upon existing circumstances,
whether I proceed to Europe or not. If I should
see it necessary I shall come to London, if any
urgent business do not urge me, I shall remain.
A change of Government would be the strongest
Inducement to remain: a continuance of the
present System would urge, if not compel
my departure. I am happy that two Clergy
men have been appointed. The Rev. Mr. Hill I
have no doubt, will be a blessing to the Colony -
Mr. Croft wants solidity at least: if not ^{strong} ~~sure~~
more. I should have been glad could I have
entertained as favourable an opinion of him, as
I do of Mr. Hill: and wish most sincerely I may
be able to do this at any future period
After my return from N. Zealand, and any
change of Public measures is adopted I then
hope we may be able to give you some
little assistance, and form a regular auxiliary
Society. At present things must remain
as they are.

I have the Honor to be

Dear Sir

Yours with much Esteem

Samuel Marsden

Rev. J. G. Barrett

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July 14/19