

Rev. S. Marsden to the Secy

Paruruwaka July 15th

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Mr. Marsden

Dear Sir

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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 assist. Chaplains have been sent out; and Permission for me to return Home, I considered this a favourable opportunity to request the Gov^{ty} 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 same 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