

July 4/20
by Mr. Reid.

Rev. John Kneller and Rev. J. Marden to the Secy^y 12
Farramatta July 27 1849

Ans. July 29/20

Corn. July 19/20

Dear Sir

I am requested by our dear friend Mr Marden
to say what I know concerning David Reid Esq Surgeon
of the R.N. who has offered himself as a medical
gentleman for our settlement in New Zealand.

And who also came out with us from England
in the Ship Baring; as Surgeon to the Convicts.

As this is a matter of the greatest importance,
both to us as Missionaries, and to the Island
of New Zealand. I beg leave to say that I think
it impossible to find a man better qualified
for this important situation. During the

whole of our Voyage; he paid the greatest
attention to Poor, Sufferers, Mr Kemp my Child
myself & other Passengers. He is a gentleman
of great experience, very kind and amiable
in his disposition, & of a truly benevolent
heart. This I saw verified throughout
the whole of our passage to N.S. Wales:
both towards the Convicts, Sailors & Soldiers;
and indeed to all on board the Ship.

Mr Reid also is an excellent Navigator. I believe
also understands Minerals - Fossils - &c &c &c
Therefore

Therefore I think that (under God) he is a gentleman
calculated & thoroughly qualified to be of infinite
value to the Natives of New Zealand; as well as the
greatest comfort and usefulness to our Settlement.

We should ~~then~~ have an Hospital for the Temporal
as well as a Church for the Spiritual wants of the
Natives; and I do sincerely hope that He will
be sent into this Vineyard of the Lord as soon
as possible.

We shall be off for New Zealand
in a few hours. We are all in good health
at this time thanks be to our gracious God
& Saviour for all his mercies —

^{Dear Sir}
We all join in sincere love
to you & all our dear friends,
and I remain your faithful
and Obedient Servant

John Butler

PS

Mr Reid expects 4000 £ Annually; and I hope
this will not be an obstacle in way of his
coming out; I hope the Society will look to
his great abilities, as well as to his Salary

^{Dear Sir} I hope you will send out for me
Mr Hale & Shump half a dozen ^{strong hearts} fenders of or
moderate size. Also a quantity of
Grass seed & clover seed, of every kind

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The seeds must be packed in two bases and made
air tight, or else they will not grow

P.S. Dear Sir

I very much approve of
Mr. Reid coming out to New Zealand
he would be able to instruct some of
the Settlers Sons in the knowledge
of medicine as well as some of
the native youths, who may have
or will hereafter attain the English
Language. Should the Committee
approve of his nomination—

I am

Dear Sir

Yours affectionately

Saml. Marsden

To The Rev Josiah Pratt
Church Missionary Society
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For, by
David Reed Esq
to be delivered by
himself

July 27/19. 49.
Rev. John Butler
with
Rev. J. Wardlaw's
remarks.