

July 4/20  
by Mr. Reid.

Rev. John Hunter <sup>and</sup> Rev. J. Marden to the Secy<sup>y</sup> 12  
Taranakia July 27<sup>th</sup> 1840

Ans. July 29/20

Com: 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