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Rev. Secy: Marsden to the Secy

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I must now write to you about the Active. As the Rev. J. Butler has come out Superintendent of the missionary Settlement I wish now to be relieved from all responsibility relative to the Active from the 1st of August 1819. The Period she returned from New Zealand. I have to request the Society to take the vessel into their own hands from the above Period, with all the profits and losses. I have had her valued the Report of her survey, and observations I have forwarded to you for the Information of the Society. I have judged it best with the Advice of Mr. Robt. Campbell, a merchant of great Integrity and Experience to fit the Active out as a whaler. She can attend to all the concerns of the Settlement, and still procure oil for the benefit of the Society towards defraying her Expenses. Her outfit for the fishing has been very heavy; but I hope in a few months she will make some suitable Return. There is nothing at New

Tealand that will pay for Expenses - The Duty upon
the Timber, and the Post Expenses of various
Kinds are so ruinous, that she ought not to
come into the Harbour more than once
in a year if it can be avoided - whether the
Committee will approve of the measures
I have adopted or not I cannot say - Mr
Butler is now in St. Tealand, and can forward
the Interest of the Vessel. Hitherto this has
not been the case. Tho' the letters were
devising every Comfort from the Vessel,
yet they were totally unconcerned in general
about her Interest - Perhaps the Society may
feel some Hesitation in purchasing the
Vessel from the amount of the Expenses.
If this should be the case, I must depend
then, when I hear from you - I think there
cannot a Doubt remain now upon any
man's mind respecting the Practicability
of establishing a mission at St. Tealand after
more than five years Experience - Had
any Circumstances ~~had~~ occurred to prevent
the success of the mission it was my intention
to have sold the Vessel, and not to have called
upon the Society for any part of her

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original purchase money: but as there is now
every reason to believe that success will attend
the Society's labours in these Islands I am anxi-
ous to be relieved from such a great charge.
I should hope from the arrangements I have made
with Mr. Kemmide of Liverpool; who is now
returning to England; and whom I have requested
to await upon you as he arrived in London,
that the proceeds of her present voyage will go
pretty far towards paying for her if she is at
all fortunate - I had got all the supplies on
board of her for the Settlement, and also a
number of the natives who were returning
home when the Drummond arrived but as
the Drummond is going to the Bay of Islands
I have taken out all the supplies, and the
natives also and put them on board the
Ringship. At least the natives will accompany
me. So that the Arctic will have nothing
to do for nine months, but to look after
a cargo - which will be immediately sent to
England - on the account of it to you -
Should a regular communication be
opened between Port Jackson and N. Zealand
in time the Society may perhaps do with-
out a vessel - much has been done already
towards the Civilization of the natives

with these parts of N. Ireland with ~~which~~ ^{which} we
have had any communication - and nothing has
tended more to this object than the Chiefs and
their sons visiting residing at S. Annes. It is very
pleasing to see the sons of the rival Chiefs living with
me, and forming such mutual Attachments - I
have some very fine youths with me ~~at~~ now,
who are acquiring the English Language very
fast - I brought Mr. Butler's son back again
with me to take the charge of these boys -
and to devote his time to their instruction. For
the sons of Chiefs living together in civil life,
and all paid equal attention to, they will
form Attachments that will destroy that
Jealousy, which has kept their Tribes in continual
war. As the work has gone on so far I am not afraid
that it will stand for want of means - If the Active
succeeds, the Expenses will gradually cease - Should
the Society not approve of purchasing the Active
I will thank you to have her insured for the amount
she is valued at £1500. If they should take her
they will take her for the valuation but when
her - I shall be obliged to draw upon you for about
half of her Purchase money, and shall leave the
Active as a security for that sum should she
be returned to me again - or if she gets a
Cargo of oil, I shall send the amount to
you for - Her net cost as a whaler, will also

have to be charged to my Account, but not her
 Expenses in her last voyage to New Zealand
 from the 1st of August to the 1st of December as
 she was during that four months wholly
 in the service of the mission - I should not
 have drawn for any part of her purchase money
 without your sanction being again obtained,
 had I not found myself obliged to do this in
 order to settle some of my pecuniary matters
 previous to my sailing for N. Zealand -
 I deem the Vessel and Cargo, if she gets
 one, will be sufficient security to the Society
 for any Advances they may make - I have
 endeavored to express my meaning as well
 as I can, and hope you will clearly under-
 stand what my Intentions are. I wish now
 to sell the Active, and to be relieved from so great a
 Responsibility - I will give every personal Assistance
 in any way in my power to promote the mission.
 And shall not think any toil too much to forward
 so great a work. - Mr. Robt. Campbell will
 manage the Concerns of the Society as far as
 respects the Vessel with great Vicinity - and
 I have seen Mr. Pike, that in a little time
 we may be able to form our auxiliary
 Society in N. Zealand: as soon as the
 present Government is changed, and

men are less afraid of the Powers that be.
I would here observe, that I have been compelled
to purchase nails &c. for the extended House
and Church - and also a variety of other
Articles which you will see by the Vouchers
for purchasing animal Food for the support
of the Settlement from the natives - The
Consumption of animal Food is now very
considerable - A very nice young man whom
I have long wished to employ in the mission,
truly pious and his Heart engaged in the
work is going over with me. His name
is James Shepherd, a native of the Colony
his Father is a very pious man - I sent him
over to visit Mr. Tait and to see the natives
and he has been very desirous of devoting
himself to the work of the mission -
He understands Gardening, grubbing Trees &c.
A man of this kind will be of infinite service

I have the Honor to be
Dear Sir

Yours very truly

Saml. Marsden

Rev. J. Pratt

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Feb 7/20