

Rev. S. Madden of the Sec^y

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By Mr. Wemyss

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I just took you a line to say that I returned from N. Zealand after 2 months absence - I kept all the letters well and the Rev. S. Butler. As a vessel will sail direct for England it is expedient on the 10th of Feb^y next, I shall send by that conveyance all the different letters - and my various reports. nothing can be more encouraging than the prospect at N. Zealand. I visited many districts - all the natives were very anxious for instruction. Mr. Butler did not expect to find them so ready for all improvements. He was very much pleased with his situation as far as respected the inhabitants - my visit to N. Zealand will I trust be attended with

all the benefits to the mission I could wish,
with respect to my remaining in N. J. I
cannot say much as yet, as I am not aware
how the public differences in this Colony will
be finally settled - If I can remain where
I am, with any prospect of support from
the executive Authority, or even living in
any degree of peace, I shall not return
because I think my residence here will
be of some importance to the cause of
the mission, and the general welfare
of these settlements - I have felt the heavy
hand of Oppression, but have been greatly
relieved in mind since the Affairs of
the Colony are brought under the
consideration of Parliament. If I should
fall in the Contest, the greatest public
good will be produced, and this will
be a great consolation to me - I am not
under any apprehensions for the future,
as I am conscious it has been my study

and labor to promote the good of His
Majesty's Service, and the eternal welfare
of the Inhabitants of these Settlements -
I feel most grateful to my Friends who
have vindicated my Character, and am
truly thankful to ~~the~~ Almighty God
who has the Hearts of all men in his
Hands, that he has, in his superintending
Providence, raised me up Friends to
advocate my Cause - in which the
best Interest of this Colony is involved.
By the Ship direct for Europe I shall give
you very full Information upon all matters
relative to the inquiry - I have seen the
Commissioner of Inquiry several ^{at} times since
my return - He will lay upon the State
of this Colony very fully to the British
Government - I have a very high Opinion
of the Commissioner's Character, but the
Generality of the Inhabitants agree
with Mr. Wilberforce, that two ^{would} ~~are~~ have

been better than one. However facts must and
will be stated, and I am much gratified that
even one Commissioner is come out
Government will be compelled to know
what they were very unwilling to acknow-
-ledge before - I have not seen the Governor
since my return - we have no commu-
-nication at present, and I shall be happy if
I should have no more to do with him,
but I expect we shall meet again in
a little time upon some public grounds.
I have merely sent you these few lines
in case the vessel ~~was~~ England
should be detained - I beg to return you
my warmest Acknowledgments for your
kind attention to my interest, and hope
you will in the end be satisfied that you
have greatly promoted the good of these
Settlements and the welfare of the
Peoples in these Islands

Rev. G. Pratt.
in haste

Your yours affectionately
Saml. Marsden

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