

Samuel Marsden to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

Parramatta FebY 8 1820

Rev & Dear Sir

I have requested M^r Kermode to wait upon you, as he will be better able to explain to you my views with respect to the Active being Employed in procuring oil, as well as attending the Settlement at New Zealand by word, than I can do by writing. M^r Kermode has been long enough in this Colony to understand what may be done towards lessening the Expenses of the Society in the support of the Active - There is no Article but oil, that will do this - and I think this may be depended upon. As soon as the Circumstances of the Settlement at the Bay of islands will admit of the Active being sold, she may be disposed of, but at [f] present there must be a vessel. The outfits here are very heavy, every kind of Labor being high as well as Articles, and the Port Duties, fees &c &c amount to a very considerable Sum - M^r Kermode will state to you what arrangements I have made with him relative to the oil which the Active may procure on her intended Voyage - I have also mentioned to M^r Kermode that I think many Articles might be collected in England for the natives of New Zealand which would be of infinite Importance to them, and would forward the benevolent views of the Society, where money could not be got - M^r Kermode might assist in this Plan in Liverpool should you approve of it - I beg therefore that you will have a little Conversation [f] with him upon these Subjects as he may be able to answer any Enquiries you may make -

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with much Esteem

D^r Sir

Yours sincerely

Sam^l Marsden

Rev^d J. Pratt