

Rec. S. Marsden to the Secy

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Rec. Jan. 11/22.

Ans. Apr. 12/22 }
by the "Heroine" }

Commander, River Thames

Aug. 12th 1820

My Dear Sir Com. Jan. 14/22

This will be delivered to you by
James Downie Esq. Commander of H.M.
Store Ship the Commodore should be return
safe to London from New Zealand where I
now leave him. Captain Downie will inform
you of the state of affairs at the River Thames -
I am more, and more confident that the
benevolent Designs of the Society will be
crowned with Success - Should Government
turn their Attention to New Zealand, and
follow up the Plan of bringing Timber
from this Country I should strongly
recommend Captain Downie to be continued
in his Service should it meet her own
Approbation - Captain Downie may be
Depended upon, for maintaining a good
Understanding between the Europeans and

the natives of the Island - He has gained their Confidence
which is a matter of the first importance - and
I am sure he will treat them at all times with
Kindness - I have wrote a line to your Right
Honorable President my friend Gambier - Mr
Jernie will explain his wishes to you, should
he have any Intention of returning to this Country
and I shall feel myself much obliged if you or
any other members of the Society will forward
his views, should you have it in your Power to do
so with those in Authority, and it should be
deemed necessary - I have sent by Captain Jernie
a Patoo Patoo, which was presented to me by a Chief
of Mercury Bay named Awarree, on the 22^d of
July 1820 - in consequence of having brought about
a Reconciliation between him, and Timunaranga
a Chief at the Bay of Islands - who had fought
an hard battle in the beginning of this year
in which Timunaranga was Victor - A great number
were killed, and Timunaranga took 200 Prisoners -
I shall write to you more fully on my
return to N. S. Wales -

Rev. J. Pratt

I am with much Esteem
Rev. Sir yours -
Saml. Marsden

N. Zealand, Aug. 12/20. 78.

Rev. S. Marsden.

Parkmo: Jan. 9/22.

Capt. Jas. Downie.

Per H.S. Coromandel
Part 4th Jan. 1822

Sir

As I am very much engaged dis-
charging the ship of her N. Zealand stores
& likely to be so for a month longer I shall
forward Mr. Marsden's letter & the Patent
covered over with brown paper, it is a
long piece of the jaw of a Whale, when
the ship is paid off & I go to London
I shall do myself the pleasure to wait
of your I remain

Sir your most obed^t.

Yours
J. Pratt
Salisbury Square

J. Downie