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Rev Dear Sir

With pleasure I inform you that Capt. Thompson, by whom also you will receive this letter, brought us down a very seasonable supply of stores, as we were quite out at the time of his arrival. Help often comes in when hope is gone.

Since your departure we have been on the most peaceable and friendly terms with our natives, and nothing appears wanting but courage and exertion to go on in our great and glorious work.

However there are many difficulties to contend with, one is, the great want of animal food, occasioned principally by the shipping. There are five ^{ships} besides the Active at this time within the Harbour, and it is said there are twelve others without, ^{maybe} and expected at Bay of Islands every day.

I need not say to you, that like the

Locust in the land of Egypt they devour every thing; on account of their dealing in Muskets & Powder.

You are fully aware of the evil of these things as they prevent us from obtaining supplies from the Natives and renders pork and potatoes very scarce and dear

A good supply of rice would be a most valuable thing —

There is no timber at present at Hedde Hedde toward building and a house of the old American House stand as you left it, saw that there are a few shingles on one side.

George Harrison is gone to the Comandante he went immediately after you left. Enclosed you have his account.

The whole of the last month I have been very busy in the harvest field, but from the sourness of the land, and the long continuance of dry weather our crops are very thin. I have reaped Mr Shepherd's barley at Okkular but it is not winnowed.

The wheat I intend to reap next week.

I hope you will give my Christian respects to Mr Shepherd as I shall not have time to write to him by this

conveyed.

The cattle are all doing remarkably well
"Mop" Kemp and Hall have taken to themselves
the keeper of the black cow which we brought
down with us in the General Gates.

She has a fine calf and Mrs Kemp makes
butter. It is agreed upon that I shall
have the mother - viz - The black cow
and her calf for my use.

we mean to write Mr Pratt as well
as yourself on this subject and what
Mr Pratt or you Sir, may be pleased to
charge, we shall be thankful and
willing to pay.

As you was pleased to write me a letter permitting
any person to have a cow or two at a certain price.
Accordingly Mr Bean, Mr Fairburn, Mr F Hall and
myself have choos en one each from among the keepers
you sent to Acton last time. Please to charge
the same to our respective accounts -

And now Sir permit me to say, that it is my
earnest prayer and fervent hope, that you are
at this time in perfect ^{and happy} health, in the bosom of
your family; and your children like olive-branches
round about your table. May the candle of the Lord
ever shine upon you, upon Mrs Marsden & upon

your children; May the Lord be unto you as the dew unto Israel - and pour upon you the continual dew of his blessing.

I doubt not, but that long ere this, you have called your flock around the Lord's Table again and again, and that he has met you there, and made himself known to you in breaking of bread, and you have found the Lord Jesus precious to your souls. "Although absent in body, I have been with you in spirit", beseeching the Lord to ^{grant you} many souls for your hire as seals to your ministry.

Please to give my sincere respects to all friends, and greet them in my name. Mrs Butler joins with me in the sincerest love to yourself, Mr Marsden and to all your family; and believe me to be

Dear Sir, your very affectionately
John Butler

To the Rev
Sam Marsden
Parramatta

If I hope you will have the goodness to write me by every opportunity, and send me as many newspapers as you can conveniently spare.

Rev. J. Butler to Rev. J. Marsden.

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