

Rev. Chas. Wilson to the Rev. Samy. Marsden 1821

Bay of Islands March 26<sup>th</sup>

Rev. and Dear Sir

Rec. Mar. 7/22.

Com. Mar. 11/22.

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It will afford you pleasure to hear that through the Lord's goodness we all arrived here in safety in twelve days after you parted with us the weather was pleasant and the wind fair, and we have not suffered much through sea sickness. I can truly say that my heart rejoiced to find all the brethren here well and to all appearance comfortable and happy and the natives very familiar and kind.

We have been kindly entertained at both settlements, and they have made as much progress in civilization as could be expected I think there is much encouragement to attempt schools and go round the Island and preach as soon as the Missions have attained

attained the language. I have been advising Mr  
Shepherd to begin a school at Kidi Kidi if  
he can only get five or six to attend and though  
they may be very irregular in their attendance  
Perseverance will surmount every difficulty  
which lies in the way. I anticipate with  
joy the triumph of the gospel here above all  
opposition. Accept of my grateful acknow-  
-ledgments for your kind attention while I was  
in the Colony, and I pray that you may see  
the pleasure of the Lord abundantly prosper  
your hands and all the New Zealanders cry  
out What have I any more to do with Idol-  
-wishing your family every blessing I am

Rev. Dear Sir with the greatest esteem  
and respect your obedient and humb. Serv.  
Rev. J. Mander  
Chas. Wilson