





Intentions to their friends. I have felt it my duty to state the above circumstances as I have been informed the Chiefs are now on board the Coromandel; whether Capt. Downie intends landing them at New Zealand, or to take them on with him to England I cannot say if he takes them to Europe against their inclination and any of them die, it will be unfortunate as they are men of great influence in their own country. In consequence of the deaths of some of the New Zealanders who have gone to England and the sore afflictions that all have suffered from the effects of climate, independent of the immense expense and trouble that attended them while in Europe. I have been directed by the Church Missionary Society, not to allow any more to go home, on their account without some very unjust cause.

I have deemed it necessary to make this official communication for my own justification. As Capt. Downie takes these Chiefs upon his own responsibility, should they proceed to England, I have no further observations to make, but only to request you will have the goodness to lay my letter before His Excellency the Governor for his consideration.



I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your most obed<sup>t</sup>  
humb Serv<sup>t</sup>

Samuel Marsden

Colonial Secretary's Office  
24<sup>th</sup> July 1821

A Copy

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir

I have in Command from His Excellency  
the Governor to inform you, in reply to your letter  
of this date that the four New Zealand Chiefs  
mentioned have been taken on board His Majesty's  
Ship Commodore with a full and distinct under-  
standing that they are to be landed by Captain  
Dorville within six miles of their own Homes

I have the Honor to be

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir

Your obedient humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

V. Goulburn

Col<sup>l</sup> Secretary

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Marsden

Principal Chaplain —