

Rev. Sam. Mayden to the Secretary

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Per Dear Sir

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Ans. Aug. 20/21.

A whaler has just arrived from the Bay of Islands - He informs me there were seventeen whalers on the Coast - As they all trade with muskets and Powder they will buy up all the animal Food from the natives, and greatly distress the Settlement for Provision for a time - It may seem strange, that I have never been able from the first to convince the misprising Settlers of the value of Cattle. A moment's reflection ought to be sufficient to convince the most ignorant of the vast Importance of Cattle in a new Country, for but for milk, butter, animal Food &c. &c. Had the misprising only attended to the Cattle that have been imported they

would not now be in want of animals
found their conduct in this respect has
been unparadonable. At one time I sent over
six Heifers very fine ones; they inquired ^{we} they
wanted a bull I then sent over two very
fine English Bulls - they neglected to put
them to the Heifers, so that they never
bred - when I returned in the Dromedary
I took more cattle over with me. on
my arrival I found the herdsman
Baxter, had shot three of my Heifers and
two Bulls, and also one fawn in calf -
when I asked him his reason for doing
so - he said he wanted to get them into
the settlement, and finding he could not
be shot here of them and thought he should
one - I was much hurt at this cir-
-cumstances as it was defeating my
intention towards New Zealand. Mr
Baxter had no right to kill my

Cattle. It was a wanton thoughtless act
 We could not have been with much
 less than 1000 in their teeth. They
 had cost me considerable trouble and expense
 to get them into the country - Their breed was
 very bad - Had they acted properly from the
 first they would have had plenty of milk
 and butter, and a considerable quantity
 of beef by this time, and would not
 have been so dependent upon the natives.
 If the Society could meet with a few horses,
 or if a few families were settled upon
 the Society's land that would be an excellent
 thing - I think there is little doubt, but they
 might soon maintain themselves, if they
 were industrious - Some measures must
 be adopted to render the missionaries
 independent of the natives - and there is
 none but Agriculture, that can furnish
 them with supplies - The whalers are
 likely to ruin the whole country with
 by

by inhaling such quantities of Fire stones
and Gun powder - Now this evil can be
remedied I know not It is a very great
one; and one into which most of the
missionaries themselves have fallen -
I enclose the last letter I received from Mr
Hull in which he mentions his Cattle, and
solicits a remuneration for them as they
were killed by the natives - Mr. Butler
ought to pay for more himself - It was an
Act of his own - and not a very innocent one -
The missionaries are now beginning to see
the value of Cattle. The Society have two
Cows and two Calves - at Redee Kiddee -
Mr. Butler wishes to purchase one of these
Cows with her Calf - Mr. Francis Hull the
other from the Society - Should they be sold
the price of the former should be £30 - the
latter £25 - when they get Cattle of their own
they will take care of them - and I think
no more will be shot -

Rev. J. Perrett

I remain yours affectionately
David Anderson

Mar. 21/21.
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