

Rev. Sam. Mayden to the Secretary

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Per Dear Sir

Com: Aug. 13/21.

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Ans. Aug. 20/21.

A whaler has just arrived from the Bay of Islands - the master informs me there were seventeen whalers on the Coast - As they all bristen 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 over milk, butter, animal Food &c. &c. Had the misprising only attended to the Cattle that have been imported they