

Marsden to the missionaries of New Zealand

To the Clergy & Missionary Settlers belonging to the Church Missionary Society
at New Zealand -

Dear Sirs,

When I was with you at New Zealand I had frequent occasion to observe that the issuing of Rations from the Societys Stores was the Cause of some differences amongst you - Some always conceived themselves more or less injured - I have often studied how this evil could be remedied; but have never been able to come any final Opinion upon the Subject - I wish to submit to you the following Proposition for your Consideration -

Would it not be better for all to receive a certain Sum annually for their Services from the Society, and furnish themselves with such things as they may want by purchasing them from the Society's Stores, or in any other manner they may approve of? Should this Proposition be approved [f] by the whole, or by any Part let such as may approve of this, state what Sum of money would be deemed by them a sufficient annual Salary during the period they may continue in the Societys Service for the Support of themselves and Families according to their respective Situations - Two advantages would be obtained if those employed in the mission were paid a specific Sum to cover all Expenses - First the Society would then know the exact Sum they had to provide annually for the Support of the Europeans- Secondly - There could then be no disputes about the Provisions - every one might then lay out his Salary in any manner he thought good -

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I will thank you to take the Subject into Consideration, and let me know your views - Should you come to any determination I will forward the Statements you make to the Society, and you can also send one by the first or Later for their opinion and Sanction.

S.Marsden

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