

Samuel Marsden to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

Sydney, July 24, 1821

Rev^d & Dear Sir

I find it necessary to drop you a Line in addition to my former Letter - Captⁿ Downie brought from the Thames four New Zealand Chiefs with him in the Coromandel, with the Intention to take them to England - From what Shunghee said to them, they declined to proceed any further - I suspected the officers were offended with me on this Subject - I wrote to Captain Downie to provide for them when they left the Ship, or to apply to the Government to do this - This he declined to do - I then wrote a Letter on His Majesty's Service to him on the same Subject - He now found it necessary to lay my Letter before the Governor - It was arranged between them that the New Zealanders should be put on Board the Coromandel again - but as I did not know what Captain Downie's Intention was, I wished to learn this, and wrote again an official Letter to the Colonial Secretary - As I was now without my Fears they might be [f] taken to England - I enclose a Copy and the Answer for your Information - Should Downie under any Pretence take them with him, you will know how to act - or should the Officers say any illnated things of me, you will know the Cause - Capⁿ Downie and the officers seemed not well pleased when the Chiefs first declined to go any further - I have thought good to give you this short explanation should any thing further be done -

I have the Honour to be

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Yours very truly

Sam^l Marsden

Rev^d J. Pratt