

Rev. Sam^l Marsden to the Sec

Parliament at August 1821

Rec Mar 7/22

Rev^d Dear Sir

Com. Mar. 11/22

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Ans. Apr. 16/22,
"Heroine"

This I write to you lately by the Courvoisier
yet I embrace this opportunity to drop you a line - since my
last I have received letters from N. Zealand by a vessel
which was there in April - The missionaries and their families
were all well - Mr Kendall will have joined them before this
time - I can assure you Sir it is a very difficult task to manage
a party of missionaries under any circumstances - They all might
do well at New Zealand if their contending Popes did not
prevent them - I enclose you a private letter which I
received from a Mr Wilson, who has been many years
a missionary at the Society Islands, and came to N. Z.
wrote a few myths for the benefit of his health and
touch'd at the Bay of Islands on his return - you will see
what is the opinion of our experienced missionary who
has been about 20 years in the work - I also send you the
following Extract out of a letter I have received from
William Hall - you have done well to send John Lee over
to work the bullocks, but Mr Potter lays great obstacles
in the way against drawing timber, or yet ploughing the
ground - He opposed me very violently last Monday at the
Committee - I shall call a special Committee if I can be
heard, in order to take into consideration the case of John
Lee, to certify whether he is to be kept ploughing about no body
knows what, or he is to be employed in working the
bullocks the work you sent him to do -

I sent John Lee ^{as} a ploughing man, and who drove the team
of bullocks at New Zealand when I was there in the
Evening, and loaded that ship with timber, in