

*Samuel Marsden to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt*

Sydney Aug<sup>s</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1821

Rev<sup>d</sup> & Dear Sir

On my Application to the Governor to accompany the Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Butler and his Colleagues to New Zealand, his Excellency complied with my Request on the Condition that I furnished Lodgings at my own Expenses for the Clergyman who did my duty till I returned - As Government were then paying Rent both for the Rev<sup>ds</sup> R. Hill & I. Cross, and had paid for several years £100 per annum I thought this Condition rather hard, but at the same time it would have been of no use to have made any objection - I therefore looked out for an House for M<sup>r</sup> Cross, which he approved, and I agreed to take for him - In a few days M<sup>r</sup> Cross from something that had been said to him informed me the House was not good enough for him - I could not get a better in the [f] Town of Parramatta - Finding I could meet with no House good enough that I could get for him at least one that he approved, I was obliged to take him and his Family into my own House - He had a wife three Children and one man Servant - This was attended with some Inconvenience, as my own Family was large - M<sup>r</sup> Cross remained in my House till my Return - Shortly after His Majesty's Ship the Dromedary arrived from England - when Captain Skinner applied to the Governor, and wished me to accompany him to New Zealand as I might prevent any difference between the natives and the Ship's Company - I also offered my Services to Cap<sup>n</sup> Skinner - The Gov<sup>r</sup> consented to my going in the Dromedary upon the former Conditions, that Government should not pay any

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Rent for the Clergyman who did my duty during my Absence - The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Middleton was appointed - He was a young man, with only one Child, his wife being dead - Mr Middleton took up his Residence [f] in my House - I was almost a year Absent- He lived at my Table at my Expense till my Return, and four or five months afterward till Government had provided him with a Station of his own - Tho' Captain Skinner was very kind to me, yet I could not live at his Table without making him some Consideration - In my two visits to New Zealand I was put to considerable Expense - The Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Butler also killed five Head of my Cattle, and served the meat to the Settlement - under the above Circumstances I feel I have a Claim upon the Society, to remunerate me in some degree for my Losses and Expenses- It is not necessary for me to make out any regular Account, but to leave the matter to the Consideration of the Committee - I have therefore taken the Liberty to draw upon you for the Sum of £100 on the above Account - I flatter myself the Society will not think that Sum too much, as I conceive the Cattle would have been worth nearly that Sum [f] in Port Jackson independent of the Expenses of sending them to New Zealand - Should the Committee not approve of the Bill, I will thank you to honour it, and I will settle with you when I receive Information from you on the Subject - I am anxious to hear if the Bill for the Active Oil is paid which was forwarded when I was at New Zealand - The Active is now at the Derwent, and has been very successful - As you will hear from Mr Campbell - I hope the Vessel will not burden the Society with any material Expense -

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I remain

Your

Most obedient

humble Servant

Samuel Marsden

Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Pratt

P.S. A M<sup>r</sup> Dixon, Master of the Regalia, will deliver this, and if he should come out again, you may send any thing by him for he is a very careful man