

Mr. Saml. Menden to the Secy

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Rev^d & Dear Sir

Ans. April 16/22,
of "Heroine"

Com. Feb. 11/22.

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On my Application to the
Government to accompany the Rev^d J. Butler
and his Colleagues to attend Zealand, his Excellency
complied with my Request on the Condition
that I furnished lodgings at my own Expence
for the Clergyman who did my Duty till
I returned - As Government were then paying
rent both for the Rev. K. Hall & J. Croft, and
had paid for several years & so 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 Mr. Croft, which he approved, and
I agreed to take for him - In a few Days Mr. Croft
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

Joiner 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 - Mr. Croft remained in
my House till my return - Shortly after His
Majesty's Ship the Porpoise 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 Capⁿ Skinner - The
Gov^t consented to my going in the Porpoise
upon the former conditions, that Government
should not pay any Rent for the Clergyman
who did my Duty during my absence -
The Rev^d Mr. Middleton was appointed. He was
a young man, with only one Child, his wife
being dead - Mr. Middleton took up his residence

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in my House - I was almost a year absent -
He lived at my Table at my Expense till my
return, and for 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 dead Island
I was put to considerable Expense - The Rev. 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

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 Inform-
-ation 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 Depot
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 -

I remain
yours

most obedient

Wm. L. Brown

Samuel Marsden

Rev. J. Pratt

P.S. A. Mr. Dixon, Master of the

Regatta, will deliver this, and if he should
come out again, you may send any thing by him
for he is a very careful man

Copy, Aug. 11/91.

Rev. J. Marsden.

P.S.