

Rev. J. Marsden to the Secretary.

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Nov 17th 1821 - W. H. Wades

per J. Dear Sir, Com. June 17/22

Ans. Aug. 30/22

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I am happy to inform you that Sir J. H. Brisbane arrived here on the 4th inst. I had an interview with him the day he landed, when he renewed to me the assurances of his countenance and support, which he had made to the Deputation in London - I feel very thankful to the Gentlemen who waited upon Sir J. Thomas, previous to his leaving England - As their influence may in a great measure, if not altogether, prevent Gov^o M. Brown making any unfavourable impressions upon the mind of His successor - when Sir J. Thomas will take the command is uncertain, as Gov^o Macquarie is absent from New Zealand at this time - I shall studiously avoid on my part every occasion of offence; and hope for better times - The struggle with my superiors has been very long & painful - I should long since have escaped from this Colony if my way had not been hedged up, whatever may be the result of the difference I have had with the Gov^o as it respects myself, much

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public good must and will arise from it - I can
truly say, I never did a single Act with an
intention to offend the Governor - tho he has done
many to injure me - His public Letter, addressed to
Sir John Mordaunt contains the most false and scandalous
-ous Assertions respecting myself - It was my intention
to call upon him for an Explanation before he
left the Colony; but as I have nothing to apprehend
from Sir Thomas Brisbane, it may not be worth
my while at present to take any further notice
of what he hath said - but wait for the Commissioners
Report - He is well acquainted with the whole of my
manner of life. As I am at a great distance, and
cannot tell what may be the state of things at
Home, I have sent three Letters open for your
Inspection; one to the Bishop of London, one to the
Commissioner, and one to Mr. Prester - and shall
leave it to your wisdom, and existing Circumstances
to seal and forward them, or to detain them - Should
you forward my Letter to the Bishop of London
be good enough to send all the accompanying
Documents with it, and the Gazette -

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In the Bayelle is Pomare's Action - men who could attempt to take such unfair Advantage of a Savage Chief in his very first attempt to introduce himself to the civilized world are unworthy of the Christian name. I felt it my duty to step forwards on behalf of Pomare, and the missionaries in the Society Islands, which has also given great offence, and I must expect to be calumniated for this Act. I am in great Hopes, if the evils attempted to be done at Otaheite can be prevented, and Pomare can establish a regular Communication between Port Jackson and the Society Islands, I shall be enabled to make arrangements with him to do all the necessary business for the C. M. Society at New Zealand, and thro' the medium of his vessel to keep up a regular Communication with the missionary Settlements at New Zealand. and then the Action may be sold, and all the Trouble and Anxiety about her will be at an End. It is my Intention to close all the Society's Accounts every six months, or at least on the 31st of Dec^r every year - I have sold the

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Active's oil which she got at the Depot at Sydney
to save Kiscene, Trouble and Expence. The vessel
is now getting out for New Zealand - and will shortly
sail for that Island - The Rev. Mr. Leigh has applied
for a Passage for himself and wife, and servants -
I have recommended him to be on his first Settlement
at Mercury Bay - The Inhabitants there will receive
him very kindly - and to make this his north
boundary - The C. M. Society will then have about
200 miles on the East Coast, and the same distance
on the west for their operations - Mr. Leigh
will extend his Plan to the South of Mercury
Bay - If Mr. Leigh goes down in the Active the
Westeyan Society must pay a proportion of
the Expence of the Vessel while employed in
that service - I am expecting the Westmoreland
in from the Islands when I shall write to
you more fully, and transmit the
Accounts - I have the Honor to be

Rev. J. Knott
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Yours very faithfully
Sam. Marsden