

Samuel Marsden to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

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Rev^d & dear Sir/

You will probably receive by the Surry some Letters from the rev^d John Butler which he has thought good to write to me – I shall send you an answer to them with my other Letters by the Grace which will probably reach England as soon as the Surry – I have not time at present to enter fully into the Buisness of the New Zealand mission – I demanded to know from M^r Butler whether the Pork were for the Europeans or the Natives which were in their List of Stores wanted from here he informed me the animal Food was for the use of the Natives – I considered this an unnecessary Expense and therefore did not send any – If the Europeans had wanted animal Food I would have [f] felt myself justified in sending it; but it would be a very unnecessary Expenditure in my opinion of the Society's Funds to feed the natives with Pork sent from this Colony where it is so dear – Having lately purchased a good Vessel for King Pomare I shall be able now to make arrangements with him to attend the New Zealand mission to carry all the Supplies &c &c from time to time – It is my Intention to dispose of the Active when she returns from her present Voyage, and relieve myself from all future Trouble and Anxiety about her, and the Society of all Expenses attending her – This will be a great Satisfaction to my self, and what I have long wished for – If she should be fortunate this Voyage [f] she will repay a considerable Part, if not the whole of her Expenses – under all the difficulties the mission has met with, I am

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thankful that no serious Calamity has happened – Some of the missionaries have not acted properly and I am surprised that some of them have not been very ill-treated by the natives from their own violence – The natives must have had great forbearance, or this would have been the Case – When you receive my Letters by the Grace, you will be more informed –

I have the Honor to be

Rev^d & d^r Sir

Yours very affectionately

Sam^l Marsden

Rev^d J. Pratt

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