

Mr. Jas. Shepherd to Rev. S. Marsden.

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Your letter by Captain Thompson I duly received; in which you expressed your being pleased with my proceedings. I do not wish to be applauded Sir; I am more worthy of derision than applause. To applaud a person destitute of sufficient grace, is likely to take off the attention from its proper object, and set it upon applause. If my labours be more blessed than others, it is not of me, but of God. If I should be more faithfully than others, it will be of God, who giveth grace to the humble. I wish Sir to be more sensible of my ^{own} nothingness, and of God's allsufficiency. I do not wish to live for myself, but for him who gave his Son to die for me. I wish for no greater honor here, than to be a poor despised follower of the lowly Jesus.

We have seen very dreadful sights here since you heard from us last. Shore and his party, ^{have} brought a great number of slaves home, some 1000 or other more; many were killed before our faces, & part of them offered to Mr Kemp and I as food.

Hundreds were killed at Makoa, River Thames. Mr. Shore's late expedition has been the destruction of Makoa: Onake was killed, besides many other chiefs: Mr. Bae, a chief whom I believe you know, was killed; & indeed, I am not able to tell you of half the destruction made