

require, that we have been led to part with them at all. My own conduct will bear me out, that I suffered many privations and suffered them a long time before I parted with a single musket. And could I now part with Dollars, prints &c. as easy I would never part with another.

Your argument respecting agriculture is indeed very plausible. But in the above considerations you ought either to have settled the Missions as you see from the concerns of the world as the Norwegian Missions are, or otherwise you ought not to have blamed us for making use of, as well as other men, the usual articles of exchange in order to encourage it.

The people at and near the Bay of Islands are bent upon subduing the natives of the whole northern Island. How can we help this? We do not persuade the people to go to war! It is perhaps an act of Providence and a mercy that we are under the protection of so strong a party of natives. We should in the event of their being weak have probably been subdued with them. Do you think that the natives at a distance are less inclined to war, or that they are less cruel than those around us ~~are~~ towards their vanquished enemies. I beg leave me for all to observe, that we have nothing to do with the New Zealand Wars. There is not one of us in my opinion, but may remain secure at New Zealand, & also may be useful. For my own part, I have only one purpose in contemplation, namely. Here I do perceive live, and here I wish to die. I know I have infirmities and great ones, & great sins too to be sorry for, but God is not to blame, and as far as he enables me to go on in his service, I am happy to say, I find that to be delightful.

I generally agree with you in your replies to my letter as stated in your 1st 2nd & 3rd Paragraphs.