

It is only as we part with merciful weapons in preference to savage ones, and this as a medium of exchange for the needful property and services we require that we have been led to part with them at all. My own conduct will bear me out, that I suffered many privations & suffered them a long time before I parted with a single musket. And could I now part with dollars, pounds &c. as easy, I would never part with another.

Your argument respecting agriculture is indeed very plausible; but you ought either to have settled us here as free from the concerns of the world as the Moravian Missionaries 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 an act of Providence and a mercy that we are under the protection of so strong a party of natives. We should in the