

Rev. J. Marsden to the Secy

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Rev J. Dear Sir, Com. Nov. 5/22

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As Dr Reed of the K. M.
is returning with an intention of visiting Mr
S. Wales with his family to reside amongst
us, I embrace the opportunity of writing a
line by him, as he will on his return take
charge of any Parcel you may have to
send. Dr Reed came out in the morning
with the Rev. J. Butler and his colleagues,
he is well acquainted with Mr. Butler's visit
to the Colon. I am very sorry that he should
have acted the part he did in the Colony -
as such conduct tends to injure the cause
of the mission - It was out of my power
to prevent him, as he got into such hands
as he did while here - However the wrath
of man shall not prevent the accomplish-
ment of the Divine Purposes - St. Paul's
will be conquered, and subdued to the Cross -
Jes. will set up his Kingdom there, and
Satan's shall fall in due time -

I have been compelled to relinquish the School
at Parramatta for the natives of it. Fifteen
Nineteen died who lived with me principally Chiefs
Sons, either at Parramatta, or soon after their
return Home - The medical Gentlemen were
of opinion that our Food affected them - The
last young man who died was opened and
examined by Dr Douglas, and Sir John
Surrey, who were of opinion that our Food
occasioned, bowel Complaints. They generally
died of bowel Complaints - I was of opinion
that they were affected by the heavy Dew
which fell in the nights after hot Days - The
New Zealanders sleep in their own Country,
when the weather is fine, in the open air
but there are no Dews there as in N.S. Wales
They are not so heavy - It was not possible
to prevent them from sleeping out at
Nights - The six youths on board the
Active are well - one of the Chiefs Sons,
Nephew to Thompson, has been five

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years in the vessel, and, has always behaved
well, and has had good health - The natives of
N. Zealand must become better acquainted
with habits of civil life, before they will
be governed by them - (You will learn the death
of Pennine before this arrives - God has in his
goodness done great things for these Islands - The
Representative sent out by the Lords M. J. will
I am sure make a very satisfactory Report
to the Christian world - They cannot do otherwise.
His Majesty's Ship, the Porpoise, commanded
by Captain Gambier, (formerly of Lord Gough's)
touched at the Islands on his way from South
America, to N. Wales, and was at my house
yesterday - he and his officers give the most
gratifying account of the progress of Christian-
ity and civilization in these Islands - Perhaps
you may see Captain Gambier after he
arrives in England - These things are very wonderful
when we consider the state of barbarous nations - Their
superstitions, Ignorance and Vices - none can form
any Idea, that human nature is sunk so low
who have not seen with their Eyes, and heard
with their ears the abused state these ~~the~~ Natives are in

with respect to this Colony I hope things will now
take an happy turn. The mission will find a
friend in Sir Th. Brisbane, and also in the
Colonial secretary Mr. Goulburn, Brother to the
under Secretary of State for the Colonies - Sir Thomas
was kind enough to give me a Head of Cattle
a few days ago for me to send to the Society
Island. I told him how General Macquarie
behaved about the bullocks. He was much
astonished at such conduct. I am sure he
would have acted a very different part.
I feel thankful that time has brought relief,
and that the cause of God will not meet with
such opposition from those in power as it
has hitherto done. I have heard nothing from
N. Zealand since the Active sailed. I have
made some little arrangement with
Mr. Henry who commands Pennance's vessel
for him to do what may be wanted at
N. Zealand, if the Lieut Gov to Pennance
approves of it. This will relieve me from
the burden of the Active. I remain
Rev. J. Pratt
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Rev. Sir yours affectionately
J. Marsden