

Barrow Alaska. June 19<sup>th</sup> 1829

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Dear Sir,

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The time is now come, when I should  
state to you my object in sending cattle to St. Feodora -  
my wish was that the missionaries in time should  
be supplied with milk, butter, grease & animal  
food; which would in a great measure render  
them independent of the natives for support.  
Their number must now be fifty or upwards,  
and many of them ~~of the best breed~~ of the best breed -  
I now wish to present them as a donation  
to the Missionary Society, for the comfort  
and support of their missionaries, reserving  
two cows and one bull for the Wesleyan  
missionaries, for them to take with them  
to the station where they may settle -  
These cattle are not to be removed from St.  
Feodora, nor their breed or increase but by  
special permission from the C. M. Society  
or their Agent for the time being - I have  
no doubt as attention is paid to these cattle,  
but that there will be in time an abundant  
support for the missionaries - They are now  
becoming of such importance, and will  
be more so every day, as to require a  
farming man to attend to them, and  
the other concerns of Agriculture -

Mr. Clark has recommended a pious  
woman in Norfolk who wishes to come out  
to N. Zealand; an Acquaintance of hers -  
I do not remember his name, but she wrote  
to him on the subject - The young man Mr.  
Clark has recommended, or some other  
would be of most essential Service to look  
after the cattle, and then agricultural Pursuits -  
I was afraid of communicating my Intentions  
respecting the cattle to the missionaries, as  
some of them would have acted towards them  
in a manner I should not approve of, if they  
knew they were public Property - They now  
supply them with a little milk and butter  
which must be very acceptable to them -  
As I shall consider them my Property no  
longer, than the Committee can give  
Directions about them, I have to request  
that you will communicate to the missionaries  
at N. Zealand, the Society's wishes concerning  
them. They should be laid under such Restrictions  
as not to kill any, but the males for some  
time to come, in order that they may increase  
and answer the object intended - I hope they  
will prove a lasting benefit to these Islands -

Per J. Pratt  
L. L. L.

I am  
Per J. Pratt very faithfully  
Saml. Marsden

Rev. J. Pratt

Missionary House  
Salem, Oregon  
Jan 15

Rev. J. Martens

Jan. 15/23.

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