

Permanently April 18<sup>th</sup>

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Dear Sir

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Wid. Oct 18/23

I have sent for your information  
one years Journal of James Shepherd who  
is employed in the new Zealand mission  
you will see what the views and feelings  
of this young man are with respect to  
the natives. He is a young man who has  
not had the advantages of Education  
having learned to read in one of our  
small District Schools. I know him  
to be a man of sound Piety; and of great  
natural Abilities for acquiring the  
Language of New Zealand, in which he  
has made great Progress: In due time  
he may render great Assistance in translating  
the Sacred Scriptures into the Language of  
these poor Heathens. I beg to refer you  
to Mr. Francis Hall for his Conduct  
and Character -  
By this Conveyance you will receive a  
Letter from Captain Irvine a copy of  
which he has sent me. It is not necessary  
I should make any Remarks upon it -  
By the next Conveyance I shall write



to you fully upon all the important  
Subjects of the mission - (Mrs Clark is  
expecting to be confined every day; when  
she recovers and is able to go to sea, I  
shall prepare for New Zealand -

(It is my intention to bring back with  
me some of the Children of the  
Chiefs to Parramatta for Education -  
The Conduct of some of the missionaries  
have been so improper, that I think the  
Success of the mission, and the existence  
of the mission has depended under God  
upon the Residence of the natives at  
Parramatta, and the Knowledge they  
have acquired of civil life while they  
remained here. The natives have always  
been coming and going to and from New  
Zealand to Parramatta, and a greater or  
lesser number have always lived with  
me - I am under no apprehension myself  
for the safety of the missionaries, nor for the  
final success of the mission (As I had proposed  
the Rev. J. Kendall from his situation as a  
missionary until the pleasure of the  
Society was known - I thought it would be



more prudent to return the Society's letter  
to him until I meet myself -

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I am  
Rev. & Dear Sir  
Yours affectionately  
Samuel Marsden

Rev. J. Pratt

P.S. I shall now associate with me  
my colleagues the Rev. P. Cartwright  
and still they are men of worth and piety,  
and feel a lively interest in the cause and  
also the Rev. J. Russell - (Mr. Russell has yet  
no public appointment yet - I have applied  
to Sir J. B. Brisbane, as there are several  
populous Districts without a Clergyman, but  
nothing has yet been done & I have thought  
if we should be successful in establishing  
a Seminary at Parramatta Mr. Russell  
would be a very proper person for that  
situation, from his piety and zeal for the  
cause of the poor Heathens -



Sept 19/33

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Rev. Saml. Morrison