

Peter Porter Valley Bay of Islands
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Rev. Sir,

I desire to express my unfeigned thanks to Almighty God, my Maker, my Benefactor, and my Saviour for all his Mercies vouchsafed to me and especially for this fresh instance of his undeserved kindness in saving me and my Family and the whole of my property from the wreck of the ship Brampton

Previous to my embarkation with my family on board of the above named Ship, I had been employed at this place no less than six months to the satisfaction of both Europeans and Natives who resided and came near me, in worshipping with them and giving them lessons of religious instruction every Lords Day; in writing prayers and catechisms in the Native Language and in erecting with the assistance of my Eldest Son suitable buildings for Dispensary purposes.

It now after the most deliberate consideration and humble prayer to my Divine Master for direction that I first formed the resolution to come here without asking advice from you, and now I have had your advice to return, I am sure I could not act contrary to it.

You will pardon me conceiving that the difficulties to which you allude, are in your own mind to be solely ascribed to me; if they are so indeed, I beg you will sacrifice me