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R. H. to Secretary

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Rev Sir

In reading the accounts in ^{the} Messening Registers for the two last years, which have been given by the Rev Mr. Marsden of the improving state of the New Zealanders, - and among other things that the cultivation of wheat was making progress among them through the example of Quaterra a Native Prince - Having also observed that Mr. Marsden had sent him a Mill for the purpose of grinding his Corn and considering how essentially necessary it is for the encouragement of agriculture among a savage People, that every means should be afforded them of speedily converting

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new wheat into flour, - And that too by
the most simple and easy process, - I have
ventured to suggest to the Church Missionary
Society, through you, that in the next
investment of tools and other necessaries,
~~sent by~~ which may be made by the
Society for the Inhabitants of New Zealand
a small stone Hand Mill such as was
anciently and is still in use among
the Inhabitants of Syria, would be a most
acceptable addition. - The same sort of Mill
is still in use among the Islanders of
the Western Islands ~~of the~~ and if I may take
it is mentioned ^{& described} by Mr Pennant in his
Tour to the Hebrides. - The form of it as well as
I can recollect (for I have not the description

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at hand) is that of a circular stone trough, in
which is fitted another stone with grooves at
the edges for the corn to pass down. The upper
stone is impelled round or ~~round~~ from
right hand to left by the means of a handle
inserted in the stone, and the corn when
ground passes out of the trough through
a hole in the centre. It appears to me
that if a Mill of this description was sent
out to New Zealand, as a Pattern, the
Natives might very soon, by the help of a Chize-
-zel form others resembling it which would
answer their Purpose very well. - I believe the
Mill in question is called a Quarmer in the
Western Islands - The operator sits down
and works it between his knees. - Any Gentleman
conversant with the Western ~~Islands~~ Islands will
procure further information on the Subject -
Yours &c. J. W. R. H.

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