

*William and D. Hall & John King [to CMS Secretary]*

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Paramatta New South Wales-

D.<sup>r</sup> Sir,

We received your kind and interesting letter with the whole of our goods, on September 11<sup>th</sup>, which were very acceptable to us, as our dependence is chiefly upon our labours, although we have lately received part of our annual Salary, for which we return our most humble and unfeigned thanks, to the Directors of the Honourable Society by whom we are patronised. — J.<sup>n</sup> King is living with us and we each follow our respective employments as usual, some of the Otaheitean Missionaries together with us has establish-ed a prayer meeting which we hold on wednesday evenings. the Rev.<sup>d</sup> Mr. Marsden has pleased to countenance it, and sometimes favours us with his company here are three Natives from New Zealand which Mr. Marsden has taken into his employ, one of them appears of a ferocious-like disposition the other two are more mild and teachable, but altogether very deceit-ful — a short while ago two or three Vessels called at New Zealand in view of revenging the disastrous destruction of the Ship Boyd, Forty armed men landed but with difficulty, they were convinced that if they had not taken the Natives unawares they would not have been able to keep their ground, which they did, and drove the Natives back and killed several of them, and wounded Tipahee in the throat — yet he made his escape with life but they plundered his House and set fire to it, although it appeared at afterwards to have been done very unjustly and undeservedly, as was affirmed by a native of Otaheite who was present at the massacre of the

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Boyd, and informs us that it was the Whangaroa party that took the Ship, and that Tipahee rather used his influence to save some part of the crew but was utterly unable, it is evident the unhappy event took rise from Captain Thompsons injudiciously punishing and ill treating three natives which he had on board on their return home form Port Jackson – Tipahee is now dead, being killed by the natives at Whangaroa for an elopement with one of their women – the Bay of Islands is i[n a] state of anarchy and confusion and the [f] Whangaroa people are endeavouring to take it, yet I think in a little time (God willing) we will make a trial upon it, there may be a Probability of retaining our existance, provided we take but little with us, but if we are not able to keep a few tools or uten-sils our efforts will be very weak and trivial, yet notwithstanding all the difficulties that may seem to lay in the way, and how formidable these temporal obstruction may appear in our eyes if the Lord has a work to do there, he will find ways and means to execute it, and who knows but now is the accepted time, now is the day of their Salvation, we are as much in a missionary spirit as ever, patiently waiting Gods time, that his will may be done that his name may be glorified – John King intends to visit New Zealand by the first conveyance merely to form an intimacy with the natives, to see the situation, cultivation, productions &c, – and so return to New S.<sup>th</sup> Wales with the information. – I am sorry that it is not in my power to give you a more favourable account, <sup>^but</sup> we hope to be more satisfactory in our next, we wish to give you all the information we can respecting the Mission, and likewise to be guided by truth and verity – We were necessitated to incur some expences

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upon our voyage out, which reduced our circumstances very much, such as carriage of goods to Portsmouth and lodgings there before we could embark, necessaries for the voyage &c, which amounts to £28 - s0 - d0 - the sum of which, should the Society not think impro-per to refund, would be very serviceable. - but this we leave to your superior judgement and discretion, we give our united respect to M<sup>rs</sup>. Smith, Rev.<sup>d</sup> M.<sup>r</sup> Pratt, and all friends and the furtherance if the Mission is the hearty wishes and constant prayers of your most humble

and obedient Servants

in Christ      W<sup>m</sup>. & D. Hall

J.<sup>n</sup> King. \_\_\_\_