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Rev. Robert Cartwright to the Secy
Windsor N.S.W.

by Mr Reid

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I am sure I need make no apology for so soon troubling you again upon the business of New Zealand. After consulting my friend Mr. Maiden on the subject, we resolved to write you a joint letter on Saturday evening previous to our leaving Parramatta. It appeared to me that my friend was not satisfied that we had written enough, as he assured me he should write again to you from Sydney previous to his departure to New Zealand. We that as it may; having less to do than my worthy friend, I must say much more on a subject which I think of such vast importance to the Church of Christ, as well as the comfort of our dear friends at New Zealand.

I have always understood it was the intention of the Society to send out a Medical man for the service of this Mission. And I have ever conceived the choice of such a servant of great importance. I believe Messrs Kendall & Carlisle have hitherto practised in this department. And the former, no doubt from his great attention at the General Hospital during his residence here, has hitherto been able to serve

the purpose - so far as his little Society may require such assistance. But it may now be thought necessary for the comfort of our Brethren to send a person of more skill in the profession, and whose chief business may be to attend to that department.

I am however well aware of the difficulty there is in finding a suitable person for such a situation. Yet it is so difficult to meet with a Physician for the Soul, where the reward is so great, I must utterly despair of your success in finding one for the Body. And on this seems to depend much of the success of this mission.

You are well acquainted with the peculiar nature of the New Zealand Superstition and must be convinced of the necessity of our striking at once at the root of it. You must also be aware that much depends, under God, on the Skill as well as the Disposition which your first Medical Missionary must possess in order to attract the notice and secure the confidence of the New Zealanders. I am persuaded that a College of Physicians would completely destroy the most impregnable Prejudice of the Natives. And that fair race of people would with as little difficulty be brought to prefer a warm Bed and

a Massin of fuel, to their present very
unnatural and hard Regiments, as they
do our bread to their Peonook as, although
it may require labour to procure it.

When conversing with the Pres Mr Butler
on this subject, he informed me, that
Mr Reid, many years Surgeon in the
Royal Navy and Superintendent in the
Prising Convict Ship, had offered to join
the Mission, if the Society would allow
him a salary of £400 p Ann. Without
considering the demand, my attention was
at once arrested by the flattering prospect
that would result, from such an acquisition
to the Society - And I did not hesitate to
declare, that any difference of salary would
be amply repaid by the influence the
Mission would acquire in this Colony
by having such a Character in their
Service at New Zealand. I have no
doubt it would be the mean of recon-
ciling many to our Plan, who are
now enemies to it, and may eventually
cause them to become warm supporters
of the cause.

Mr Butler speaks in the highest terms
of Dr Reid's conduct during the voyage
and thinks he would be an invaluable

acquisition to the cause of Christ in N.Z.
The New Zealanders who sailed with them
appear to be much attached to Juffin.

I feel confident that the Society will
in this, and in all other things, be directed
by Him who has hitherto so wonderfully
blessed their Councils & designs for his own
glory. And here I cannot help offering
them my sincere congratulations on
the pleasing prospect which you present
at New Zealand. The Labourers
they have now sent to this remote part
of our Lord's vineyard, will, I doubt not,
soon convince the world, whose they are
and whom they serve, by erecting the
Church in New Zealand against which
the powers of Hell shall not prevail.

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir

Your obed^t & ble servant
Robt Cartwright

To The Rev Josiah Pratt
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Recd. Robt Cartwright
July 26/19