

*Robert Campbell to Josiah Pratt*

Sydney New South Wales

10<sup>th</sup> August 1820

Reverend Sir,

I have the pleasure of enclosing a packet for you from our mutual friend M<sup>r</sup> Marsden which I received by the Prince Regent Schooner that return'd here from New Zealand on the 29<sup>th</sup> last May and since I have received no further accounts from thence, nor has any Convey-ance occur'd direct for England until the present opportunity of the Ship Tuscan to sail in a few days.\_\_

I have also to enclose the original agreement, I entered into with M<sup>r</sup> William Kermode respecting the Oil and Whale bone which the Brig Active belonging to the Society might procure, of which Vessel's success at the Derwent for Whale Oil I have received from Capt. Thompson satisfactory account and who had instructions from me to trans-mit you the first Set of the Bill for the amount of the Oil &c. delivered on board the Quayle in terms of my agreement with M<sup>r</sup> Kermode, a form of the Bills I sent to M<sup>r</sup> Thompson and in all probability you may receive the first before this comes to hand as I understand M<sup>r</sup> Kermodes Vessel proceeds to Liverpool direct from the Derwent:-

The Saracen arrived from England the 19<sup>th</sup> May, and M<sup>r</sup> Cowell delivered to [f] M<sup>rs</sup> Marsden the Letters he had in charge the list of Hues [?] shipped by the Society was afterwards handed to me which were all safely landed and Warehoused under my charge, there has been no opportunity for

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M<sup>r</sup> Cowell to proceed to New Zealand on his Mission, but as the Active may be expected to return here by the end of the Month I will lose no time in equipping the Vessel for the Voyage by which time I sincerely hope our friend M<sup>r</sup> Marsden will have reurn'd to his anxious family and friends from his pious and very arduous labors at New Zealand:

I have great hopes M<sup>r</sup> Cowell will during his stay here discover the process of manufacturing the leaf of the Flax plant so long boasted of by a Man of the name of Williams, a convict sent twice from England, and who has been very invective in his expressions against the Directions for sending M<sup>r</sup> Cowell to instruct the Natives and which can be only gratifying to these persons here inimical to the great and good cause you are engaged in; I have supplied M<sup>r</sup> Cowell with whatever necessaries he has applied for from time to time, and shown him such civilities as my humble circumstances admit of. W\_ [?]

I remain

Dear & Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir

Your mo: Obed & faithful Serv

Rob. Campbell

Rev<sup>d</sup> Josiah Pratt

Agent