

I might have observed that the Ridda Station resembles a neat little Country Village, with a good School House lately erected in the centre. When standing on an eminence near the Settlement may be seen Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Pigs, Horses Land covered with wheat, Oats, Barley Gardens richly filled with all kinds of vegetables, Squat Trees and a variety of useful things. In the Yards may be seen Geese, Ducks, Turkeys and in an Evening Cows returning to the Mission Families by which they are supplied with good milk and butter, indeed it altogether forms a pleasing object, and especially in an Heathen Land.

The Shipwrecks we have experienced will I have no doubt prove favourable to the character of the New Zealanders for several days we were in their power and they might have taken all we had with the greatest ease; but instead of oppressing and robbing us they actually sympathized with us in our trials, and afflictions, Mr Marsden, myself and Mr Leigh were at a Native Village for several days, and nights without any food but what the poor Natives brought us, and what they had they gave us willingly and said "Poor Creatures you have nothing to eat, and you have not been accustomed to our kind of food." I shall never forget the sympathy, and kindness of these poor Heathens.

I do hope that the Rev^d Samuel Marsden will be successful in his plans and proposals to put an end to the frequent Wars in New Zealand. I have heard many Natives and Chiefs say that "It is no good to go to fight and eat Men We wish to cease from war and retire to some peaceful place;" I pray God that this object may be soon effected among this people.

The Christian World and especially the Church Missionary Society will never be able to appreciate the valuable labours of the Rev^d Sam^l Marsden his fervent zeal his abundant labours and his extensive charity in the Cause of Missions are beyond estimation, May he live long as a burning and shining light in the Missionary world.

Through affliction I am obliged to retire to New South Wales for a time. I hope the Lord will soon restore me health sufficient to return to my labour in the cause of our Saviour Jesus Christ our Lord.

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