

How had it not been for the perseverance
of the Company's Agent Mr. Wake's here
who considered there must be some for
this place - All ^{the} things were exceedingly
acceptable but I must not pass over
James' presents viz the miniature portrait
of Aunt Maria who I am glad to see
is just in as good condition as ever here
I should value your own and Mother
the same size - We are all well, but
I have almost nothing to do, yet still
I live but at times with great difficulty
there is very little private surveying
partly owing to the uncertainty with
regard to the land, - The land question
not being yet settled and the natives
not being willing to allow certain tracts
of land to be cultivated not having sold
them or not having had sufficient notice
Fortunately this has happened on sections
belonging to persons here who are willing

to cultivate and has caused great dis-
satisfaction of course particularly as
the natives are not to be made amenable
for any outrage they may make on that
head - Colonel Wakefield is expected here
for the purpose of settling this matter I
believe he is working his way up having
the plan between Port Nicholson and
this place to settle first I think this
affair with the ~~xxxxxxx~~ engagements
to employ the labourer's debt etc must
make the colonization of New Zealand
a very unprofitable affair to the Company
I have the son of Capt. King's to teach
drawing who received some deposit from
James previous to his sailing from
Plymouth - I have also lately sold by
subscription a large water colour drawing
of the Town and Roadstead it made
nearly ten pounds so that at this moment

who without any intention of misleading
are very likely themselves to be deceived
they are still savages and ought no more
to be trusted with the management of
their affairs as it regards their intercourse
with Europeans than a child would intrust
to manage its property the nation
protectors may be supposed to act for them
but they have not the slightest influence
when acting in opposition to their wishes
the Missionaries also have not that in-
fluence they had indeed the Bishop who
on his first coming to New Zealand had the
greatest reputation and as a new comer
had perhaps the ^{some} greatest influence has
declared that he has no hopes of the pre-
sent generation It is therefore a great
task having as a new officer who has to
find out the real character of the nations

and who to his treating the natives as
already civilized yielding to their demands
taking no measures for punishing outrages
and appearing to them to be afraid to do so
but I hope that by more vigorous mea-
sures the interests of the Europeans will
be defended and our lives and properties
preserved - You desire me to mention
any particular thing that I may want to
be desirous of having sent out I will then
you mention some things but you are
not to put yourself to the slightest in-
convenience or to think of sending all
that I might mention in the first place
I should like much some of the cheap
paper hangings that I remember seeing
before I left sufficient to paper a room
16^{ft} x 10 and say 7^{ft} high a small quantity
of Plaster white as I intend trying an oil
picture or so having also the other colours
a cake of Prussian blue two or three

New Plymouth New Zealand
March 16th 1844

Dear Father

I received your letter of the 24th of August which I received about a month since having been some time in New Zealand. The Teresa arrived here on the 26th and to our great joy landed a box for us which I am happy to say is in good condition and contains quite a mine of wealth for which I am very grateful. — Your letter as well as the Ship Agents I received some days after I received the box and which explained what had rather puzzled me at first as to how the box had come having called at the Post Office when the Ship first arrived to ascertain if there were letters for me and received the same answer that I had received on the arrival of two other vessels which I suppose you had not heard of or you would certainly have sent letters by them.