

D and Rev. Sir (Recd. Dec. 19/16)

Oct. 28 1815

(Ans June 7/17 by Mr. Gles)

I have been here labouring, I think I may say, nearly one year have seen much of the goodness of God have had much great reason to bless him for his protecting Hand, tho we are in Deaths oft, yet we are a live and in good health may the blessing of Jehovah rest upon you and yours, and upon that Society which sent ^{me} ~~me~~ ^{me} hither, I have sent you a short account of some of my proceedings, you will see in a Letter dated July. 1815, some of my sentiments respecting some hinderances, that keep me back in a great measure from doing good, if I have nothing in my power I can do but little &c, you will see it in full in that Letter, we have have a little girl who having been with ^{us} some month she has knit a pair of garters for Mr. Marsden I shall send them to him by the active this time she is learning to sew sew has made some progress gets on slowly with her reading can say the Lords ^{prayer} her self when she likes, we have three ^{Boys} bringing on as fast as we can in reading and writing and spinning, they are very wild that we have but little management over them at present, but are preparing them for it by degrees as fast as they will bear, they are dressed in english clothing

101 every Sunday goes to church behaves as well as can be expected, they would be dressed in our clothing every day if they would sleep in my hut and behave decently, but this is too much for them at present when we have got a house we will endeavour to keep them a little closer, we have been very uncomfortable this winter as these ^{wind} and storms will not keep our rain out we cannot rest at night not for fear of being killed, but in fear of being robbed as the natives can get their hands through a few night ago a man ^{took} my curtain that was hung at the window and was putting his hand through to get more, I hearing him ran out and driven him away.

A good English Minister is what is wanted here very much, to give direction, if Mr. Wendall was to persist writing against any of us, and look to his own House and attend to his own duty and keep himself sober, and quiet, it would be much ^{more} to his credit now, and greatly to his advantage in the latter end, we have a great deal of rough work the natives are in deed in a buff and wild state but we don't despair in the least, we need your fervent prayers daily and the presence and blessing of God the Father, through Jesus Christ to support and comfort us in all our labours, tho I am weak yet rejoice that my sufficiency is of God, if he is for us who can be against us to prosper

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We have received one crate of earthen ware, the other is at Port Jackson
the stationary is at Port Jackson, Sir, If you please to send me one large
course Hackle, if it ^{was} a hemp Hackle it would be better as they
native and the flax are very strong, one large one, one very
fine one, I should be much obliged to you, I let Mr. Morrison have one of
mine, the other two are breaking very fast, please to send five or six
foot wheels, they can be pulled to pieces and packed up in a box,
please Sir to send if you have not sent, some Flannel, Course
Sheeting, Bed ticking, little Bag Mats, Powder flacks, shot
and Powder to me, knitting needles, Worsted,

Mr. Hall going over to Whitingbe to live is the reason why we have no
Mr. Morrison as sent a carpenter if he will stay I shall soon have a home up
as the timber is nearly all cut for it I shall be helping him until it
is finished, so no more at this time but to bid you fare well, Mr. King
sincerely respects to Mrs. Pratt, we hope and pray that the presence of
the Lord may be with you always for ever and ever Amen

I remain,

Resd, Sir

Your most unworthy

Servant
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