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Rev. J. Mendenhall
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This March 18 by the Drabell

Allow me now to write you a few lines of a private nature relative to myself. I have had two very severe trials during the last eighteen months - The letters at N. Zealand, from their improper conduct have given me much pain with the exception of Mr. Kendall, whose conduct I cannot too highly approve. When I was at N. Zealand Mr. Hall formed a determination to remove from the place where I had fixed them - This I would not consent to - I considered the safety of the letters, and their usefulness to the natives to be the two grand considerations. Both these objects were sure, where they were settled - They were settled in one of the largest villages, and under the protection of one of the greatest Chiefs. Mr. Hall had set his mind upon a place called Whangapee, because the land was rich, and it possessed other local Advantages - He had influenced both Messrs. King and Kendall for a time - and it was with some difficulty, I could dissuade them from their purpose - I made them promise that they would remain where I had fixed them; and if they would not agree to this I would bring them and their families back again with me to Port Jackson; as I was sure