

you with them at the present: but only beg to add that I see no difficulty in any part of their task and to prevent the success of the mission; but there is one great difficulty in another quarter, and that is in binding proper persons to carry the wishes of the Society into effect. Few men have had more practical knowledge of missionaries than I have had: and I can say with great truth, that I have met with few, who have inclined their hearts to the work, who have been at all willing to put up with any self denial - my heart has often mourned in secret for evils that I could not remedy. Some are stubborn, and ungovernable; others are idle, proud and conceited - others are full of deception that it requires a long time to find out their characters. Others have no relish for the work - no love to the poor heathens no desire to do them any good. If the heart is not deeply engaged in the work; if the fear of the God of Truth is not the ruling principle, no outward professions - no solemn vows - no sacred promises will induce a missionary to do his duty - Should Mr Kendall be in England when you receive this, request him from me, to state the whole of his transactions, and those of his colleagues in N. Zealand to you, keeping nothing back - It will come better from him than from me, or any other person - I am willing to give him the utmost credit for all the good he has done, and always have been; but I cannot pass over in silence his improper conduct. This would be highly criminal in me as an Agent in such a cause - I had little opportunity previous to his sailing to know the real state of things - but I learned enough, to express my disapprobation of his conduct in many instances which I did not fail to tell him.