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Mr. Francis Hall to Secretary

Ans. May 25/14 if I not attend to his appl. will ret. per Deland

May 23/14

born. June 13/14

I take the liberty of addressing you, as the Secretary of a Society, having for its object, a work of the greatest importance, of any, that (in my mind) now engage the attention of the Sons of men. That of evangelizing the heathen — And have to request that this letter may be laid before your committee soon as convenient

I am one of the poor fallen Sons of Adam, to whom the Lord by His free, sovereign Grace, hath been pleased, undeserving as I am, to give that faith which worketh by love and purifies the heart, teaching men to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live honestly and soberly in this present world. He hath in tender mercy plucked me as a brand out of the fire, and translated me from the power of Satan, into the Kingdom of His dear Son. He hath given me sweet assurance of everlasting life through the blood and righteousness of His adorable and coequal Son Jesus Christ: who I believe loved me with an everlasting love, and gave himself for me. — This great salvation, as far as a poor worm is permitted to judge of himself, hath excited in me, love, zeal, gratitude, hope, joy, peace and trust. Impelled by these motives alone, after much deliberation and wrestling in prayer, with a very present, prayer hearing, and prayer answering God; I have come to the resolution of tendering my services, as a Soldier of

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of Jesus Christ; to go forth armed with the sword of the Spirit, the shield of faith, and the breastplate of righteousness, to attack the strong holds of the prince of darkness in the hearts of the poor benighted heathen.

I am turned 40 years of age, — single — my employment has been chiefly as Clerk, in London — I have however served as Captains Clerk for some time on board an English Man of War. Annexed you have a copy of Captain Legges (now Admiral) / Certificate of my conduct while I was in that service. —

I also subjoin the firm of the house I served 8 years — immediately previous to my going to sea: as well as that of the house I last lived in, in town — I was born ^{near} and brought up at, Barnsley in Yorkshire — I take the liberty of mentioning those particulars in order that enquiry may be made, if you think proper — If you are in want of labourers to go forth into the Missionary harvest field, and from what I have written, you may wish an interview — a few words by the twopenny post will command one — And if your Committee approve of, and "send me", I will put my life in my hand, and go wheresoever, or in whatsoever capacity their wisdom may direct. — If I might be permitted to choose in any thing, it would be, to go in company with, and under the control of one, superior to myself in experience, wisdom and learning; for no doubt many will enrol themselves to go on this glorious errand, who have received many advantages in point of education &c. which I have not, but I am willing and anxious to learn, and to do any thing within the compass of my ability, with the good hand of my God upon me, to lengthen the cords, and strengthen the

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stakes of Zion — May the God of all grace give each
one of you health, and long life. to see the blessed cause
prosper over which He hath set you overseers —

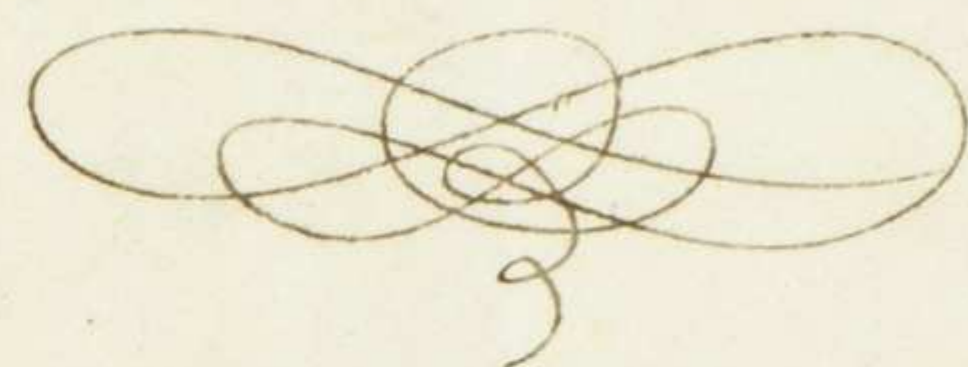
I am Sir

Nº 2 Winkworth place
City Road

May 23 — 1814

Your most obedient
humble servant

Francis Hall



Smith Husband &c. 67 Newgate St. I served 8 years previous to }
going to Sea }

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These are to certify that Mr. F. Hall served as Captains
Clerk on board His Majestys Ship under my command from
the 17th Feby. 1799 to the date hereof during which time
he behaved with dilligence sobriety and obedience to command,
and much to my satisfaction —

The last situation I had
in Town was with Spode &
Copeland Nº 5 Portugal St.
Lincoln Inn Fields

Given under my Hand on board
H. M. S Cambrian in Plym^r. Sound
6 Oct 1801
A R Legge Captain