

*T. Kendall to the Rev. B. Woodd, 11 March 1814*

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The Active, Sydney Cove

11<sup>th</sup> March 1814.

Rev & Dear Sir,

According to my proposal, I have expended the remainder of your Two pounds in rewards for the female Orphans of Sydney. Mr Hosking the Schoolmaster, has taught them to repeat the introduction very well and he promises to hear them say it occasionally. The children were very thankful indeed for your kindness and you will think your money well laid out when you are informed, that the Female Orphans will repeat the Introduction once per month before the Rev. Mr Cooper.

We are very much in want of a few more clergymen in New South Wales. If Men who have not gone thro' the regular course of Literature, and attended one of the Universities cannot be procured, others ought to be selected who are in other respects duly qualified. It is very painful to the feelings of every sincere lover of the Church of England that by the established Rules no persons can be admitted into Deacon & Priests orders except such as have received a Classical education; and it is so especially to the man who wishes to conduct himself as a consistent member, and yet feels anxious to become publickly useful in promoting the everlasting interests of his Fellow Creatures, particularly of those of his own Communion in a Foreign Land. The authority of a Minister of the Gospel who wishes to continue within the pale of the Church of England must

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[f] be recognised, or else he will not meet with due respect, and will be very much limited in his influence.

George Hughes is very well in health as [sic] is grateful for Mrs. Woodd's remembrance of him.

Mr Marsden has purchased the Active a brig of about one hundred and twenty tons burthen for the express purpose of forwarding the plans of the Church Missionary Society, & opening a communication with New Zealand. Mr W. Hall is on board with me, and we expect to sail as soon as we have a fair Wind. Mr Marsden has purchased the Active upon his own bottom & I have assisted him, by drawing upon you for one Hundred pounds, and upon the Society for my Salary up to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, next, amounting to One Hundred and twenty pounds. For these Bills I have received Mr Marsden's promissory note which I have left with Mrs Kendall. You will also have the goodness to pay into the hands of Captain Close the sum of Twenty pounds. I have also a sister living, I expect, at Muckton near South Lincolnshire, and she is very poor. I request you will give her a Line enclosing a post office order for five pounds. You perhaps will be able to procure a Frank of the letter which you may send to her. Her name is Bull. It would be best to inquire first if she is living. Should any balance remain in my favour Mrs Woodd will have the goodness to send a few threads, Cottons, Tapes, & a little print such as she thinks may be useful for Mrs Kendall and the Children. A Hank of thread is 6<sup>d</sup> here — a Ball of cotton 1/- Mr Pratt will forward the parcel by the first conveyance. [f]

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We have purchased a House and a good Garden & orchard for the accommodation of my family near to Mr Marsden's House, also two Cows. I have taken as good care of my family as I can. Three of my eldest children go to School.

A young man, a Native of New Zealand, whose name is Tohi has been with me about a month. He can speak English a little, and we can now begin to understand each other tolerably well. I am trying to learn the language, and Tohi who knows what I want, makes himself to be as clearly understood as possible. He says he will return with me in the Active and dwell with me. The New Zealanders are certainly a fine race of men, and much superior in point of mental capacity to any Savages which I have hitherto seen. Tohi is strongly attached to my servant Richard Stockwell (a young man who was recommended to my care by some Clergymen at Bristol) he calls himself his Brother.

Our object in going at this time to New Zealand is to see whether it would be prudent for us to take our families from New South Wales and reside there. In case the prospect is ~~clear~~ fair, Governor Macquarie has promised to give us all the support in his power.

Be pleased to present my kind and affectionate regards to the Society of Clergymen who meet at St. John's Bedford row. You will also have the goodness to inform Mr Pratt that I intend to forward the Letter which I had prepared for him at the next opportunity, it is nearly similar to yours, but I

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think it advisable to send it by the next ship as it will answer the purpose of a duplicate.

Mr Marsden has a great many enemies in this colony & too much business upon his hands.

and am Rev & Dear Sir

Dutifully & faithfully yours

(Signed) Tho<sup>s</sup>. Kendall