

Rev. Samuel Marsden to the Secretary

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Rev. Sir

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It may be necessary to give you a little  
Account of Messrs Hall and King separately. I am  
happy to say as members of Society they have behaved  
well they are sober, honest, moral and industrious  
men - and have not suffered their good to be evil  
spoken of. On this Account I am fully satisfied with  
their Conduct. But with respect to the mission  
they have not acted as they ought to have done  
and have given me much Venation, and I could  
as I could not prevail upon them to attend to the  
natives of New Zealand when I had them living  
in my House - when Mr. Kendall arrived I wrote  
to Mr. Hall, a Copy of which letter I will send for you  
and that of the Society's  
the private information, if I have time to take one  
before the vessel sails. From this letter the Society will  
see the Spirit of Mr. Hall. This Statement has had  
the best effect upon his mind - he did not imagine  
that his Conduct had been so improper till I

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had pointed it out to him in writing. The Society will see from my Remonstrance with Mr. Hall that it has been my most ardent wish to promote the mission, and that nothing has been wanting on my part to forward it. Mr. Hall since, came forward on his own accord, and offered his services, and assured me that he would in future take advice - and all differences were settled, and he cheerfully embarked with Mr. Kendall, and I have no doubt but he will be a valuable man, as a mechanic, and of great service to the natives and the missionaries. If they would have given up their time to the New Zealanders, who reside at Parauratua I would have willingly supported them, but I refused to support them on any other ground. Both Hall & King have acquired much knowledge while residing here, and at the same time have lived comfortably, and preserved their habits of industry by being called upon to provide for ~~themselves~~ <sup>themselves</sup>, when they declined devoting their time to the work of the mission. King is willing to go to New Zealand whenever I may call upon him.

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what I shall do, when the mission is finally settled,  
when the missionaries sail from Port Jackson, &c.  
nothing prevent them, I shall press upon their minds  
as much as possible the necessity of industry; and  
shall direct Mr. Kendall to devote his time and talents  
to the instruction of the natives, and their children  
and to the obtaining of a R. knowledge of their language  
so as to commit it to writing - and Messrs. Hall  
and King to employ themselves in Agriculture and  
the mechanics. By Agriculture and the simple Arts  
the natives will gradually be prepared for divine  
instruction. The mission at Atahite has suffered greatly  
from every one doing what was right in his own  
eyes - and has been the cause of much uneasiness amongst  
themselves - Had some been appointed to teach, and others  
to follow Agriculture or any other useful Employment  
it would have been much better. Without men's duty  
is pointed out to them, they acquire habits of idleness  
and are more exposed to Temptation, and Danger -  
This should be guarded against as much as possible. An  
Idle man, tho' he may be pious, yet he is a dangerous  
member in a small society, as he will always be dissatisfied.

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He will create difficulties where there are none, and where they are, he will magnify them an hundredfold. Perhaps the Society will think my letter to Mr. Hall too strong and that I ought to have supported him a little. But I assure you nothing short of such a strong Remonstrance, would have had any effect upon his mind. I had tried in vain the Power of words: and told him I would represent his Conduct to the Society again and again. Should Messrs. Hall & King have complained of my Conduct towards them, the Society will be convinced from those Facts stated in my letter to Mr. Hall, that they had no just Ground of Complaint. They would have taken the Society's money, and yet would not merit it by their Services - and to this I would not consent. I believe they are both now fully sensible of their Error, and will not act so in future - we have had no Difference upon any other Point, but this -

I am  
Dear Sir

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Servant

Samuel Marsden

Rev. J. Pratt -