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Secretary to Rev. S. Marsden

Church Missionary House,
Salisbury Square

My Dear Sir

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Your Letters of June 18th & 23rd 1813 have just arrived. They were laid before the Committee on Monday last. The prospects opening before us in your parts greatly encourage the Committee; while your report of the spirit and conduct of Mr. Hall and John King much cheered them.

They and you have long since received, I hope, my Letters of March 22/13, sent by Mr. Kendall; and we cannot but trust that the clear expression of the mind of the Committee concerning Hall and King therein contained will have induced them to fulfil to the utmost of their power those engagements into which they entered. I write to them by this conveyance. The Rev. D. Wilson who recommended John King to us, also writes to him. The Rev. Mr. Tracy Secretary to the (London) Missionary Society, told me the other day, that one of their Missionaries had intimated that John King was in a melancholy way.

We must do the best we can in these things. We are herein servants to Him who worketh by and through us all the counsel of his own will. In Kendall you will find, we trust, a most worthy man, steady to his purpose. It seems to me that Hall and King having learnt to maintain themselves during their long stay in N.S.W., and having perhaps begun to taste the sweets of independence,

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have fallen under temptation. I have but little fear of Kendall in this respect: but we must pray that he who falls may be recovered, and that he that thinketh he standeth may take heed lest he fall."

I am directed by the Committee to assure you that they feel so deeply interested in the scenes of usefulness which are opening around you, that they are desirous of increasing the exertions of the Society in your parts. The prospects of Missionaries being raised up from among yourselves is particularly encouraging. We have lately resolved to take up the business of Schools, throughout the British Colonies and among the Heathen, on a large scale; and have opened a separate Fund for that purpose. You will be able, we trust, to find various persons, suited both by principles and talents, to act as Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses either in educating our children who have no care taken of them, and are likely to have none, be they heathen or nominally Christians, or among the natives of New Zealand; Englishmen, as you know cannot act as Missionaries to the full extent; till ordained. In this respect our Lutheran ministers possess a great advantage, as they can aid in any suitable manner, as the Lutheran Missionaries under the "Society for promoting Christian Knowledge" have done

The Committee beg that you will take immediate measures, in concurrence with your brethren and friends, for the formation of an Auxiliary Society which shall be our representatives in your parts

It might be denominated, "The Resurrection 20
Church Missions Society, in furtherance of
 the designs of the British Church Missions Society"

The Governor, we trust would become Patron,
 yourself President &c. — We wish such a Society
 to be in direct and exclusive connection, with us
 at home, so our friends and brethren of the
 (London) Missions Society we wish all success;
 but, for the preservation of perfect good will,
 and for the securing of our own consideration
 and of the Countenance of the Church, we
 find it expedient to act as separate and
 distinct from all other Societies —

On the formation of such a Society
 you are authorized to draw on me to any
 amount (at the Society's House, Salisbury St
 London) not exceeding £50 per annum, so
 long as it shall appear to the Committee here
 that the said sum is well employed, in promoting
 the object of the Society in your parts — we should
 be glad to have a separate account of such part
 of this annual ~~amount~~ grant as may be
 drawn for in order to the establishment and
 support of schools, as we keep that fund separate

It has pleased God to prosper abundantly
 the efforts of our Society to interest our fellow
 members of the Church in its support, we have

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This last year quadrupled I believe our
income, chiefly by means of associations, in
various counties, cities, towns and parishes
and a still more important effect follows
hereon, than that of the mere augmentation
of the funds. Multitudes begin to feel for the
heather and to pray for them, & for us who
are labouring for their salvation, and it is
no small support to us, and will afford the
same to you under all the crosses and
difficulties of our labours for our heavenly
master's cause that we are remembered before
him in many prayers - I will venture to say
Therefore my dear Sir, that, whenever you
shall make it appear that the proposed ventures
can well ^{in pursuit of our great objects} expend a much larger amount than
that now granted such further sum will be
granted - But we have good hopes
that on the embodiment of your friends into
such a Society, funds to a considerable amount
may be raised among yourselves. Now it will be
well in this case - To give us credit for all
such sums, making us debtors only for the
grants, for this will connect your Society
with the efforts which are making the way
out the world - I think you may take it
for granted that we shall always give you so
long as it can be well employed, far beyond the
sum you can raise: that sum should be therefore

considered as part of our grant, so you will become not only active and energetic agents for the well application of the Society's funds of money and charity, but you will gather for it a part of what you expend.

I need not say how important it will be to secure the contributions of the Society to such persons, as understand and enter into our views.

I hope we shall send you some Missionary tracts - perhaps two English Clergymen, or two ladies, or, if your Society commences with vigour and your prospects continue to enlarge, we may possibly send all four, in the course of three ^{or} four years - We have had of late much discussion on the subject of the vessel which it has been proposed to establish in your seas. Mr. Milbourn, in particular has much interested himself. The matter is now before the (London) Missionary Society we have made a proposal to open a subscription for about of three fourths of the sum wanted, it being understood that you and your friends were willing to advance the remaining fourth. It is not thought that our Society can engage in the affair with any risk, and the Directors of the (London) Missionary Society seem to have the same view with respect to themselves - Each Society

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will send L^{td} and the proposal is - that
the parties lending ~~money~~ the sum, shall retain
legal interest, but that you and your friends
shall manage the whole and take profit
and loss. Mess^{rs} Hall of West. retaining
the management of any concern to be established
here - all therefore seem likely to agree - that
the affairs should be procured and entirely
managed in your part of the world -

But you will hear more of
this when we can speak more determinately,
and I am sorry that such delay has arisen
as to prevent me from speaking successfully
by this opportunity. - The papers have been
long with Mr. Hartnall -

But if this scheme should
not succeed, I am not without hopes that
the proposed auxiliary society may lead
in the end ^{to} the establishment of a society
connected with our own Society -

I send herewith to Mr. Kendall,
a continuation of the numbers of the
Supernary Register, so as to make up with
what went before, 50 complete sets - to this
time - I hope all will arrive safely - you
will please to take what you may wish -
lest however my former numbers should have
miscarried I send you more to complete sets

If a larger supply than what is sent ²⁰
 should be thought advantageous to our
 design, they shall be forwarded - 12 Copies
 of our last Report and 12 Summaries are
 also sent -

May God abundantly bless you
 and us in all our endeavours to advance
 his blessed cause in the world -

Believe me my Dear Sir

Yours for

(Signed) Joseph Pratt

If any kindness you can show to
 a Council named George Burdett, will
 be considered a favor by some of our
 friends -