

*J. Pratt to W. Hall and J. King, 18 March 1814*

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*Secretary to Messrs Hall & King*

Dear Friends,

I hope you have receiv'd the Letter which I sent to you by Mr. Kendall and ~~which~~ that what was there stated has induced you to comply with Mr. Marsden's directions— for we are very sorry to hear that when he considered that there was an opportunity to go to New Zealand in order to explore the intended scene of your labours you declined to go—

I would not speak to you with severity on this subject— we know by your own communications, that you think Mr. Marsden has not given you that leisure which you thought you ought to have. But on this subject I enter'd pretty much at large in my last. Be assur'd that any indulgence of your own will, and any consulting of your own interests in preference to those of your Master, will find you out, and cause you bitter pain— Have what you will in this way, no blessing will rest on it. You went out from this Country with a professed object— high & [f] heavenly— what has hindered you? shall our hopes be blasted?— or shall New Zealand be brought to Christ, and you take no share in the blessed work of preparing the way?— we have proposed to Mr. Marsden to establish an auxiliary Society in connection with us— in N.S.W. — and we shall entrust a large Sum annually to the disposal of such Society. But let us have joy and pleasure in hearing that you are faithful to your solemn vows, and do not compel us with great loss of time and of money, to prepare other men and send them out to supply your lack of Service— You may persuade yourselves that

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you have reasons for what you do— and for what you decline to do; and you may excuse yourselves by the alleged faults of others— But for all these things— you must be brought into judgment— Oh “let patience have her proper work” — Let us hear good tidings from you— may God give you a right mind— take counsel of that worthy man M<sup>r</sup>. Kendall, and pray that you may imbibe deeply the Spirit [f] of your Master

Believe me y<sup>r</sup> faithful

friend

(signed) Josiah Pratt

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