

My dearest love, I did not think that I could bear your
 absence from me so long as we have lived ten years together
 so very happily. God grant we may meet again and spend
 many more years together so happily. I do not care where
 I am if we are together, I cannot bear the thoughts of being
 parted. I think the time very long. I always pray for you
 every night and morning that God may bless you in your
 undertakings and protect you from the cruelty of the Heathen
 and conduct you in safety to your family so that we may
 unite again in praying to and praising him. Our dear children
 join with me in love to you. Joseph (the least) says his father
 is gone to New Zealand he will kiss him when he returns
 home. They all want to see you very much and I am
 My Dear yr.
 J. Mendall

I and Mr Wall were treated with great kindness and
 hospitality by Lieut Governor D'Arcy, the Revd Mr Chapman
 and some other gentlemen at Van Diemens Land. We
 made an excursion into the interior and we saw some
 land in a state of cultivation. It produces very fine
 wheat and barley, and potatoes much superior to those
 at Port Jackson. Great tracts of good land are in various
 parts lying waste for want of settlers to occupy them
 and these covered with grass and in a great measure