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Rev. S. Marsden to Genl.

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Dear Sir!

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I judge it proper to give you my opinion of the Characters of the missionaries here; my Reason for doing this is, that when you receive their Reports from time to time, you may bear in mind their different Tempers, and make such allowances for human Weaknesses as Circumstances may require. Mr. Kendall is a most valuable man - his Heart is wholly engaged in the work - he is making very considerable Progress in the Language, as some of the natives are always with him. His manners are mild - he is naturally kind, tender and affectionate; and will most assiduously attach the natives of New Zealand to him - He loves to be constantly with them, and can with ease meet their wishes - They all pay him the greatest Respect, and speak of him with the warmest Affection - If I inquire of the Chiefs how Mr. Kendall treats them, their answer always is, "Mr. Kendall is too good." The son of one of the Chiefs is now with him, and a brother of

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another Chief - By their Assistance he is acquiring the
Language very fast. Mr. Kendall is a woman of a very
even Temper, and mild like her Husband. She is very
attentive to the Heathers, which are now at Pannamatta,
and they are very much attached to her on that Account.
There is no Doubt, but they will go well, and prove a
great Blessing to these poor People. I am in every Sense
perfectly satisfied with Mr. & Mrs. Kendall and conceive
the Society could not have met with Persons more
suitable for the work.

with respect to Mr. Hall I have given my Opinion
before already, and I believe I shall never have Cause
to change it - He is the opposite of Mr. Kendall in many
things, relative to his natural Disposition. He does not
like to be advised, but wishes upon all occasions to follow
his own Opinion, tho' his mind is not sufficiently compre-
hensive, to foresee what evil Consequences may follow a
mistaken Opinion. He has often appeared to me never
to suspect that there was a possibility for him to be
mistaken. As a mechanic he is a very valuable
Man - and must on that Account prove a great Acquaintance
both to the Missionaries who may reside there, and

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also to the natives - He is sober, attentive to Business, and a
very regular man. His outward Conduct has been very
correct ever since his arrival in New South Wales;
but I could never prevail upon him till now to apply
himself to the work of the mission. I am aware I shall
have some difficulty to make my final arrangements
with him, so as to prevent any misunderstanding
between him and his Colleagues. Mrs. Hall she is
a very choice woman - there are few to be met with
equal to her in her natural disposition - She is mild,
obliging and attentive - and will be much esteemed by
the natives of New Zealand. I am under no apprehensions
about her doing well. Mr. John King, is also a mild
man, and will be very much liked by the natives -
His Heart is in the work, and he will devote himself to
it now - He is by no means a man of so strong a
mind as Mr. Hall, but I think him well qualified
for the station he is intended to fill. Mrs. King I
do not know very much about. She is the daughter
of a Mr. Hansen, who formerly commanded a ship
from London, and came here a free settler - I have
engaged him as the master of the Active - He

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has the Character of being a very honest man. has
been known for many years to Mr. Parker -
upon the whole, you will probably find Mr. Hall to be
occasionally dispirited from his natural Temper - Messrs
Rendall & King contented - Mr. Rowland Rendall will be
alive to every little Incident that may occur; either, to gain
Instruction from the natives; relative to their Religion,
Customs & Government, or to instruct them. while Mr.
Hall will take no notice of them. on the other hand
Mr. Hall will notice a valuable Piece of Timber; or a
good Spot of Ground; or a convenient Run of water
which Mr. Rendall would never think of. From Mr.
Rendall you may expect very minute Information
and very correct, for he is a thinking man; but from
Mr. Hall you must not look for this. and you
must at all times be prepared to make allowances
for Mr. Hall's naturally murmuring Disposition -
I have thought good to drop you these few Hints
respecting them all. from which you may judge
of their general Characters - I trust they will all do
well, and ^{be} an honor to the Society and a Blessing to the
Nation - I am Dr Sir your most obedient humble
servant
Rev. J. Pratt - Samuel Marsden