

J. Pratt to Messrs Hall & King, 16 December 1814

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Secretary to Messrs Hall & King.

Dear Friends— C[hurch] M[issionary] H[ouse] Dec.16/[18]14

Mr Halls Letters of March 9th and June 15th gave us much pleasure. You have received, I hope, ere this my Letter of March 10th. I expressed therein the deliberate sentiments of the Committee. You may readily conceive that it was highly satisfactory to us to hear that our plans with regard to New Zealand were about to be acted on by you. We are sorry to hear of John Kings indisposition, but trust that he will be recovered & spared to bear an honorable share in our labours.

I mentioned in mine of March 18th the establishment of a Society in connection with us. To that Society we must refer you. They will represent us. W^m Hall wished his Salary to be sent out in goods: but the Committee having resolved on carrying on its concerns in your distant quarters by the aid of a Society, will leave the adjustment of money matters to them. Act, my good friends, in a Christian spirit: count your own particular interests in this world as nothing compared with those of your Master's Kingdom: leave your widows or your orphans to us: and be assured, that you will be happier far in time, & in eternity, and all belonging to you will be far happier, than if you were to stickle for your own little interests, & undertake nothing in the cause of your Lord, unless you could see it profitable to your temporal concerns. [f]

I beseech you never to forget this— that we have no other interest in our undertakings than you have. We all profess to serve one Master. You have the

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higher honor of laying the heavier burden on your shoulders; but if you cast it off, or take your hand from the plough, better would it be if you had never been born.

But we hope better things of you "though we thus speak". A way is opened for you we trust, to New Zealand where you may prepare that interesting race of people for the blessings of the everlasting Gospel.

Mr Fawcett of Carlisle, desired me to forward certain goods to M^r Hall to the amount of 33-19-7, being property left to M^{rs} Hall. On the other side is an account of goods amounting to 39-0-2. A Gun &c are sent, which W.H. desired to have. He will accept the balance from us.

A present of Crockery & Stationery is also sent for each of you, & medicines for common use.

I hope to hear that these things arrive in safety, & to receive good accounts of your success at New Zealand.

You will be pleased to read in the Missionary Register of the increasing prosperity of our own and other Societies.

May God be with you & yours, and bless you abundantly, in your Souls, & in your labours!

I remain

Ever y^r affect friend

Josiah Pratt [f]

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Bo^t for W^m Hall

Ironmongery, as follows

CMS Case

N ^o 3	Steel mounted double barl ^d , rola lock	7.17.6
	2 dble barl ^d Pistols	4. 4.0
	3 bags, patent shot	1.13.0
	Gun cleaning rod	0. 8.0
	Copper Flask & dble Shot Belt	0.14.0
	Steel charger & -4/- case 7/-	0.11.0
		<u>15-7-6</u>
	Dis.	<u>- 15-4</u>
		<u>14.12.2</u>

Manchester Goods, as follows-

Enclosed	– 3 Navy blue Prints. 20 yds.ea 16/ ^d	5.15.6
in Case	2 ⁹ / ₈ Stout lining Calicoes – 90 yds 14 ^d	5. 5.0
C M 5	2 Super Shirtings 79 Yds 20 ^d	6.11.8
No.7		<u>17.12.2</u>
	Dis	<u>- - 8.9</u>
		<u>17-3-5</u>

Gun Powder

Unnum ^d 1/2 Barrel		<u>3.10.7</u>
		35.6.2
Insurance Charges		<u>3-14-0</u>
		<u>£39.0.2</u>

You will each send us a List of any little conveniences which you may wish. We shall be glad to present such to you.