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Mr Thomas Kendall to Rev. B. Wood

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Rev. and dear Sir,

I have the satisfaction to acquaint you that

I and mine have been hitherto preserved from the dangers to which we have been unavoidably exposed, and we are now settled amongst the People of New Zealand who have in the best manner they have been able treated us with every mark of their goodwill, kindness and attention.

The consideration that the people amongst whom we are appointed to reside have had but little intercourse with Europe and have reaped so few advantages from that intercourse, will naturally lead our Society to expect that their civilization and moral and religious instruction will be promoted by very slow degrees. The idea of their cannibalism and savage habits operated so strongly in the minds of many good men, that their cause has been considered almost desperate before this attempt, and to us who have been sent out expressly for their benefit and have in a great measure overcome the fears which accompanied such a painful idea, their filthiness and uncleanness are such great obstacles that we can with difficulty make up our minds to form such intimacies with them as to permit them to come into our