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Rev<sup>d</sup> Dear Sir Having received your kind and interesting letter with the property within mentioned and your favour of the extra expenses for which I return my sincerest thanks — On account of our Timber being all wrought up at Tiffonah we then experienced the great <sup>difficulty</sup> in procuring any more on account of the distance, and the shynef existing between different parties of Natives — After some serious reflection and deliberation, Mr Kendall and I agreed to remove the Settlement to a place called Wythagee being about five or six miles from Tiffonah and that much nearer the Timber ground, being the most eligible place for a Settlement in all the Bay of Islands — Where Mr Kendall and I purchased fifty Acres of Land upon the Society's account in consideration for which we gave five Axes — the Land here is level and the Soil good is is overgrown with fern and small Brush which is cleared off with very little trouble — We can have plenty of fine Timber brought here by the Natives, — they fall it themselves and float it down the River with their Canoes — large logs of pine fit for Masts or yards of Vessels or any other purpose

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I went up there in July last, and took the Sargers  
with me and some Timber and we built a small  
wooden House and set the Sargers to work in cutting  
Timber which the Friendly Natives supplied us with  
I also employed them in clearing and levelling the  
ground for which I gave them Fishhooks and pieces  
of Ironhook in payment - We first sanded a Timber  
yard and a foundation for a dwelling house - and I lived  
there with the Sargers and left my Family at Siffon  
untill I built a Wooden House forty feet long and  
fifteen feet wide, in a substantial and workmanlike  
manner - the first piece of work I finished was a  
Flagstaff for the distinction of the Sabbath day w<sup>ch</sup>  
the Natives are exceedingly fond of - Mr H made a  
Union Flag which we hoist every Sunday - previous  
to this I had told the Natives that I was going to  
hoist a Flag upon a certain day on which no work  
was to be done but was to be kept in Honor of the  
"Atua me" which is the Great Jehovah -  
This was a cause of much conversation amongst them  
and looking for Sunday with anxiety - Sunday morning  
being calm the Flag hung down by the pole and could  
not be distinguished at any great distance -  
A respectable Chief <sup>that being</sup> about three miles from our

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Settlement sent his canoe with a party in it on purpose  
to see whether the flag was up or not - just before the canoe  
arrived the breeze sprung up and spread the flag and  
they returned very much pleased indeed - and ~~and~~  
since that they can see our flag from that Settlement  
called Corovadick and I believe they keep the Sabbath  
day as regular as us - I have now removed my family  
to the bythongue, and Mr Kendall has purpose to have  
his House built at Jipfoomah and remain there, and  
although it will be very inconvenient for me, I mean  
to give him all the assistance I can in building his  
House and school - It was never my intention to separate  
especially with so few people - But although Mr Kendall  
has changed his mind I have no doubt but he has done  
it for the best and I hope our endeavours will be blessed  
with the same success - I employ <sup>several natives</sup> constantly in clearing  
ground making fences &c I am also teaching some of  
them to saw Timber - I have not been at much expence  
with them for cloathing yet, although some European  
cloathing is necessary for cleanliness - and if your  
Committee should think proper to appropriate a  
small portion of coarse cloathing to those domesticated  
Natives immediately under my instruction as Surgeons  
and other Workers

community of about six in number - I should dispose of  
 it with propriety and I think it would have a good effect  
 as they are frequently asking for cloathing - I victual  
 them chiefly of pork and potatoes the produce of the  
 place - I have got a garden of nearly half an Acre of  
 ground fenced in and cultivated - I have planted a part  
 of it with Fruit Trees, and the remainder with Indian corn  
 Peas, Beans Pumpkins, and other kitchen vegetables  
 and I hope with the blessing of God upon our labours  
 that our little Settlement will be able to support  
 itself in a short time - We have a wide field for labour  
 here and if you could strengthen our hands by adding to  
 our numbers it would be highly desirable, as the forwarding  
 of the great work is the constant endeavour as well  
 as the fervent prayer of -

In your most affectionate  
 Servant and Labourer  
 In Christ  
 Wm Hall  
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