

*T. Kendall to S. Marsden, 27 October 1815*

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Rev<sup>d</sup> and Dear Sir,

I must now acquaint you how we are going on here with respect to trade. You will recollect when you left us it was mutually agreed upon between me & my colleagues that M<sup>r</sup> Hall should employ his industry in procuring Spars for the Active and remain on board as an Assistant to the Captain during the time of her continuance in the Bay: that M<sup>r</sup> King should go over to Korrokorro's and procure fish, and I should endeavour to procure pork &c. M<sup>r</sup> Hall and M<sup>r</sup> King will acquaint you with what they have done. M<sup>r</sup> Hall you will perceive by the Blacksmith's List has reserved a good deal of trade. M<sup>r</sup> King has not had so much because he never went to procure fish and the flax which has been purchased has been generally paid for by me. [f]

A little time after your departure my colleagues would each buy pork for himself and continued to do so. They assigned as their reason that their wives wished to have the lard, and M<sup>r</sup> Hall particularly wished to trade in order as he said to increase his influence amongst the Natives. For a long time three or four hogs were used in the Settlement in the course of a week. I did not find fault, because they could not bear a reproof from me. I have no pork for you at this time besides the foregoing reasons the five Prisoners have consumed a great deal, and we have been under the necessity of now and then giving pork to such

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Natives as were ill during the winter. I wish some regulations to be made with respect to the trade issued from the Blacksmith Shop. I think it would be advisable for you to direct how many Axes or Flat tokees shall be given to M<sup>r</sup> Hall and how many to M<sup>r</sup> King. I wish to have nothing to do with either of them in any thing that relates [f] to trade. I can not give them satisfaction. The Blacksmith, as you will recollect in his agreement with you, would not consider himself as under their orders, and they have not taken any proper steps to conciliate his regard since that time. As soon as there is sufficient Timber procured for the School I intend to distribute the trade equally amongst the three Settlers. You will therefore from hence consider each man as providing for his own family and responsible to you for the Surplus he may receive. As soon as I receive your directions I shall abide by them.

According to your desire I shall in future be more explicit in my private Letters. I trust however I shall only notice such things as you really ought to be acquainted with. If a line should escape my pen which is inconsistent with that christian charity which "beareth all things", you will readily perceive it, and not suffer it to operate on your mind to the prejudice of my brethren.

I am Rev<sup>d</sup> & Dear [Sir]

Your faithful Ser[van]<sup>t</sup>

Tho Kendall