

Mr G. Kendall to Rev. S. Menden

Bay of Islands
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Rev^d and Dear Sir, (Ack^d June 7/17 by Mr Syles)

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 Mr Hall should employ his industry in procuring skins for the better and remain on board at an Assistant to the Captain during the time of her continuance in the Bay. That Mr King should go over to Honokoo's and procure fish, and I should endeavour to procure pork &c. Mr Hall and Mr King will acquaint you with what they have done. Mr Hall you will perceive by the Blacksmiths list has received a good deal of trade. Mr King has not had so much because he never went to procure fish and the flour which has been purchased has been generally paid for by me.

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A little time after your departure my
colleagues would each buy pork for themselves
and continued to do so. They resigned as their
reason that their wives wished to have the
lard, and Mr 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 natives as would 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 knives shall
be given to Mr Hall and how many to
Mr King. I wish to have nothing to do
with either of them in any thing that relates

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
 "seareth all things" you will readily perceive it,
 and not suffer it to operate on your mind to
 the prejudice of my Brethren. I am. Dear
 Your faithful Servant
 Tho. Bond

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