

and finished his appointed course. tho' Gandy imagined he had only just begun his race. He was a Man of clear comprehension, quick perception, and of a sound judgement, and a Mind void of fear, at the same time he was mild, affable, and pleasing in his manners. His Body was strong and robust, and promised a long and useful Life. At the time of his Death, he was in the prime and vigour of Manhood, extremely active and industrious. I judge his age to be about 28 years. He was seized with a Paval complaint and a stoppage in his breast attended with difficulty of breathing and a high Fever about 4 days before his dissolution. In reflecting on this mysterious and awful event I am lead to exclaim with the apostle to the Gentiles "O the heights and the depths of the Wisdom and knowledge of God how unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out". I have now Sir related a few of these changes and vicissitudes in the Life of Quattera which either came under my own immediate observation or were communicated to me by himself. From the whole of this little History you and the Society will be able to form some Idea of the National Character of these people. I do not believe that there is in any part of the World or ever was a Nation in a state of nature superior to the inhabitants of New Zealand in mental endowments & Bodily strength nor any who wd. in a shorter period render themselves worthy of being numbered with civilized nations provided they were favored with the ordinary means of instruction in those civil arts by which men are gradually refined and polished. Trust that your Society will prove their Benefactors & furnish them with the necessary means for their advancement in civilization, and in due time deliver them thro' the divine favor from the horrors & miseries of Heathen darkness, and bondage, and Sir, as these people are literally without hope and without God in the World, and conduct them by the light of divine revelation to him that was born King of the Jews as the Star lead the Eastern Mage. With every devout wish and ardent prayer that the glory of the Lord may be revealed to these poor benighted Heathens & that they may see the salvation of God and the work of the Lord prosper in your Hands. Have the Honor to be

To The Rev. J. Pratt

Dear Sir

Your very obed. Servant

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