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Rev<sup>d</sup> Com. July 8/16 (Rec<sup>d</sup> June 2/16, by the Katherine, Cap<sup>t</sup> Graham  
An opportunity now offers  
which I must embrace although I have wrote  
lately and sent by way of Post-Jackson  
I have to acknowledge with thankfulness the  
receipt of your letters addressed to Mr. King and  
myself with the property therein mentioned  
But your Committee must be misinformed  
respecting the Society in N.S.W. - I have not  
the least expectation that the Mission will  
derive any benefit from it - I am convinced  
that if the Clergymen of the Colony with one  
or two more exceptions were withdrawn, the  
remainder would rather be an opposition than  
otherwise - Circumstances has so fallen out

(Rec<sup>d</sup> Sep. 5/16, by the Sir W. Bensley  
letter Mr Kendall

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that I live at a new settlement by myself  
called the Bythargee it being the most eligible  
and beneficial for a settlement. Mr Kendall  
agreed to go there and indeed was the first proposer  
of it, untill the Lawyers got robbed of their property  
and then he would not go - I had had so much labour  
in removing the Materials Timber &c that I could  
not think of giving it up again - after I had removed  
thither with my wife and family, there were a certain  
party of Natives that were very friendly with me  
but at the same time there are others that threaten  
our lives - I have induced the Natives to do a great  
deal of work with my assistance - I have only been  
here four months and I have got two small patches  
of wheat the one I have reaped and the other is  
nearly ready - I have also got an excellent

Garden full of Vegetables, and about two acres  
of ground cleared for wheat, if I had a little  
trade to pay the Natives with I could grow as  
much wheat as I could use next year. But  
I am very badly supplied with trade. I have heard  
that some Axes came out for the Natives but  
I never had one of them - I have not got an Axe  
fit to chop a piece of wood for the fire. I wish  
to teach the Natives to saw Timber, I have made  
several attempts and they offer very well, but  
I have not got the means for encouraging them  
yet. I would be glad if your Committee would be  
so good as to send out a few Axes for myself and  
the Natives to work with and some chisels and  
plane-irons Butchery knives large fish-hooks  
&c for payment for their labour - I live seven  
or eight miles from J. Moorah and that all

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Water, and having no European but myself  
I cannot have the pleasure with propriety to  
fetch Trade from the Smith so that I have been  
very much distressed for want of some - I mention  
in a former letter respecting a little coarse  
cloathing for my domesticated Natives that  
I keep constantly employed and situated  
If your Committee should think proper to send  
these things or any of them be so kind as to pack  
my part by itself and direct it for me at Lytham  
so that there can no dispute arise in the division  
of them — My Tools are much exposed  
by working amongst the Natives they frequently  
annoy me by pilfering them, but there is no  
redress, but by replacing them - they have  
stole several of my Tools lately but I dare not

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be angry with them neither would it be prudent  
I am often troubled in mind when I am obliged  
to appear cheerful - I am often at my wit's end  
but blessed be God I am not at the end of his Grace  
I have sometimes been like to blame myself for  
going to live alone, and then I am supported again  
when I recollect that it was not my wish, or my  
doing particularly, but that it has providen-  
-tially happened so - all my support is from  
God's holy word and Spirit, and may his Grace  
prove sufficient for us - He alone is able to  
obstruct the violence of his, and his people's  
enemies, and restrain the remainder of their  
wrath - I find much consolation and support  
in reading and singing David's psalms I find  
many passages very applicable to my present

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Situation and especially the fifty sixth —  
We have always matter for thankfull praise  
we have no occasion to hang our harps upon  
the willow trees or get have them out of tune  
(although in a strange land) for the mercies  
of God are new every morning. I should like  
very much to have a fellow labourer in the  
work that we might strengthen one another  
hands and praise him together —

Please to give our kind respects to Mr Pratt  
Mr & Mrs Smith and all friends —

and I remain Dear Sir  
your most obedient servant  
in Christ Wm Hall  
