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T. Kendall to J. Pratt, 19 January 1815

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Rev^d and Dear Sir

Having been treated with personal disrespect and insult as a Magistrate and a Missionary Settler by Captⁿ Will^m Parker of the Phoenix Whaler, Mr Tho^s Hunt the first officer and a Boats crew belonging to the said vessel on Thursday Nov^r 30th last I think it my duty to communicate to you the particulars.

Captⁿ Parker's residence is at N^o 5. Bedford Place Deptford road Rotherhith. I am

Rev^d and Dear Sir

Your Obed^t Serv^t

Tho Kendall [f]

(Enclosure)

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On Wednesday Nov^r 29. 1815 Captain Parker being then with his Ship in this Bay, a man of the name of Fop was sent on shore in order to remain at the Society's Settlement until he could procure a passage to Port Jackson. Captain Parker had a few days before this sent a verbal request that I would as a Magistrate give my permission for him to leave the above person here, alledging as his reason, that having altered the route of his voyage he should be under the necessity of taking him to the coast of Peru and from thence to England instead of landing him again at Sydney as he intended to do at the time he brought him from thence, and I had refused to give my consent for the following reasons.

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First. It was well known to Captain Parker when he [f] left the harbour of Port Jackson that Mr Fop's name was not entered in the Ship's clearance at the Secretary's office. Secondly. There was no fair proposal made for his maintenance during the time he should continue in the Settlement and his passage to Port Jackson; and it was very probable that he might be detained here upwards of seven months particularly if the Active should according to my last advices from Mr Marsden proceed to Otaheite the next voyage after she touches at this place. And Thirdly, because the natives of Tippona had expressed their aversion to receive any of Captain Parker's People on shore on account of the former cruelties which he had exercised towards them. When therefore Mr Fop came on shore he was for the above reasons told that he must return to the Vessel.

By the same Boat which conveyed Mr Fop [f] to the Shore Captain Parker by way of contempt returned to me a Letter which I had written to him officially on the preceding day, and on thursday Nov^r 30th he sent his first mate Mr Tho^s Hunt to my house for some letters which had been delivered to me sometime before for the purpose of sending to Port Jackson. As soon as he had received them he told me that I had obliged Captain Parker to take Mr Fop to the coast of Peru, but if he had been well he would have come on shore himself to obtain satisfaction. When he was gone out of my house I shut the door, bolting it, in order to avoid hearing his profane and abusive Language: but instead of ceasing he became enraged, and immediately ordered the boats crew to come to him, and pull down my dwelling

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house. To my astonishment the door was immediately broken open, my organ damaged and he and two ^(a) of the sailors the latter having clubs in their hands were lifting them up to strike me.

(a) John Chapman & Martin – a Portuguese [f]

The working people hearing the noise hastened to my assistance, and about one hundred natives armed came down from the Village as soon as they perceived what was going on to my protection. I had my sword in my hand while the sailors were breaking open my door, but I am now very thankful I did not use it. I bless God I had many friends near me, whom as soon as the Mate and sailors perceived they were glad to repair to their boat and go quietly away. I feel myself sufficiently secure under the protection of the Natives from the effects of Captain Parkers displeasure in the event of his return to the Bay of Islands. I therefore merely notice the particulars of the transaction without desiring any other redress. My servant & one of the Workmen saw the Door broken open.

Tho Kendall