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Mr. Thomas Kendall to Secretary

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Com. July 8/16 Bay of Islands 19 Jan'y 1818

(Recd June 21/16, by the Katherine, Capt. Graham)

(Ans'd Sep. 5/16, by the Sir Wm. Bunsby)

Rev. and Dear Sir,

Having been treated with personal disrespect and insult as a Magistrate and a Missionary settled by Cap^{tn} Miller Parker of the Phoenix Whaler, Mr. Tho. Hunt the first Officer and a Boat's crew belonging to the said vessel on Thursday Nov. 30th last I think it my duty to communicate to you the particulars. Cap^{tn} Parker's residence is at No 5. Bedford Place Deptford Road Rotherhithe. I am

Rev. and Dear Sir

Your Obedt. Serv^t

Thos Kendall

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Statement by Mr Kendall

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(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
Top was sent on shore in order to remain at the
Society's Settlement until he could procure a passage
for 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,
alleging 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.
First. It was well known to Captain Parker when he

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left the harbor 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
on 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 advice from
Mr Marsden proceed to Blahaine the next voyage
after she had touched at this place. And Thirdly,
because the natives of Tappoona 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

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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. 30th he sent his first mate Mr Tho. 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 Hop 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 boat's crew to come to him, and pull down my dwelling house. To my astonishment the door was immediately broken open, my organ damaged and he and two of the sailors the latter having clubs in their hands were lifting them up to strike me.

(a) John Chapman & Martin - a Portuguese.

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The waking people hearing the noise hastened to my assistance, and about one hundred natives 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 beating open my door, but I am now very thankful I did not use it. I bless God I had many friends near me, so 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.

The Residence