

Thomas Kendal to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

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Rev^d and Dear Sir,

You will I have no doubt observe from the Letters of your Missionary Settlers at this Place that we have every fair prospect before us of being usefully employed amongst the Natives, but that we are divided in our opinions, and have little intercourse with each other. The latter will be a very painful remark, yet I do not see how our case can be amended without we were all disposed mutually to explain and forgive, and give up all private interests for the general prosperity of the Settlement. At present I am very sorry to say there is but little prospect of unanimity. At the same time I believe it to be my indispensable [sic] duty, as far as I am concerned to be quiet, and as our grievances are merely about temporals perhaps things may be better in a little [f] time. I wish you to send out general instructions (particularly if you send out Missionaries to our assistance) for the regulation of the temporal affairs of the Settlement. It would be the best for a Store room to be built and every family to be served in rations, as this would prevent a lavish expenditure of our provisions, and give satisfaction to every one. The Mechanic's [sic] ought not in my opinion to refuse to do any work of which they are capable for the general body, when they have time, whilst they are supported at the expense of the Society. Should the Active not continue to come so often to New Zealand, The Committee ought to insist upon it that all articles of comfort which may at any time be procured from such [f] vessels as come into the Bay, shall be purchased with the Society's property, as it may be conveniently spared according to the opinion of the

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Majority and divided by ration amongst the whole. I think more importance will be attached to your instructions than M^r Marsden's in these points. You will perhaps hint to the Settlers that while they can be considered upon an equal footing with me as Settlers, yet they have no right to dictate to me in what I conceive to be my duty as a Magistrate. If we had been more united, and attention had been paid to my advice I do not think I should have received any personal insult from Sailors. Satan & men of the world triumph at the divisions that are amongst professing Christians. I am dear Sir faithfully yours

Tho Kendall