

Mr. Thomas Kendall to Secretary

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Bay of Islands 20 Jan'y 1810.

Bro^r and Dear Sir,

(Rec^d June 21/16 by the Katherine, Cap^t Graham

Am^d. Sep. 5/16, by the Sir Wm Bingley

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.
This 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 duty, as far as I am concerned
to be quiet, and as our grievances are merely about
temporal perhaps things may be better in a little.

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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 Mechanics
ought not in my opinion to refuse to do any
work of which they are capable for the general
body, as when they have time, whilst they are
supported at the expence of the Society. Should
the future 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

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papers 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 Majority and divided by ratios
amongst the whole. I think more importance
will be attached to your instructions than
Mr. Marsden in these points. You will
perhaps bear to ~~them~~ ^{letters} that while they can
be considered upon an equal footing with
me as letters, 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 professors
Christians, I am Dear & faithfully your
Thos Kendall.

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The Rev. J. Brad

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