

Mr. Knox Kendall to Secretary

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(Rec<sup>d</sup> June 21/10, by the Katherine, Cap<sup>t</sup>. Graham Bay of Islands New Zealand)

Rev<sup>d</sup> and Dear Sir (Ans<sup>d</sup>. Sep. 5/10, by the Sir Wm. Bousley  
Com. July 8/10)

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From my papers sent by this conveyance and perhaps from those of my colleagues Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Hall and King you will observe that we are not acting in Christian concert as a body. This will be a painful news to yourself, and our Honorable Committee should you think it necessary to inform them. I feel distressed and troubled in my mind to relate any thing of an unpleasant nature of myself or the other letters, yet I do not know how to avoid it entirely. I owe a duty to the Society whose servants I am, and it is but fair to state to you how we are going on, as you will be prepared thereby to notice such things as you think necessary in your public instructions. I hope what I shall communicate will be in the spirit of Christian Charity.

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I am happy to say, that nothing of an unusual nature  
as it respects the external department of your  
Missionary Society especially my colleagues can  
be connected with these observations, and that  
the most perfect harmony subsists between  
the Settlers and the Natives.

Mr Hall has removed from us to a spot  
which he first pitched upon, on our voyage of  
investigation. As it is ten miles distant from  
Tappoona, and it would be improper for him to  
leave Mrs Hall alone, he is necessarily excluded,  
generally speaking, from our Society. I need not  
repeat my former observations. Mr Hall will be  
guided by his own judgement. I believe he is  
doing good when he is. We are friendly with each  
other not withstanding our different way of  
thinking. We are better friends by being placed at

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a distance from each other.

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Mr and Mrs King have always been dissatisfied  
more or less since their arrival at New Zealand.  
They are also so exceedingly personal, that I think  
it much better for all intercourse to be dropped  
between the families, than to be continually  
disputing about trifles. Mr King is a careful  
man him self but some of his connections are  
very extravagant. His friends also have overruled  
him in respect to making shoes for the people  
who are necessarily attached to the settlement,  
I told him that Mr Hall, himself and me  
in our capacities as Carpenter, Shoemaker and  
Schoolmaster were in duty bound, each to  
exercise our respective vocations for the good  
of the whole. But alas! Nature has divided  
us! We all want too much of our own way.

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Should you send out any more Missionaries it would be best to inform them that they must be content to assist in building their own houses and it would be proper to provide shoes & for their families. It will prevent much vexation of mind for every person to make himself as independent of his colleagues as possible. I can procure shoes for my family for Sydney

It becomes my duty to get on as fast as I can with my own work. If my colleagues do not render me all the assistance I need I must bear it with patience. I ought to consider them Men of piety, To speak no ill of them, To beg of God to give me his Grace to be humble. If my brother will not help me to day, I may perhaps by a conciliating deportment procure his assistance tomorrow

John Wood and Dr. L.

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