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Rec<sup>d</sup> June 21/16, by the Katherine, Cap<sup>t</sup> GrahamPres<sup>o</sup> and DeaconsAns<sup>d</sup>. Sep. 5/16, by the Sir Wm Bunsley

Mr. Marsden having sometime since intimated his intention of encouraging some respectable persons to come over from Port Jackson and settle at the Bay of Islands, I shall esteem it a favor if you will request the Opinion of our Honorable Committee whether it would be proper for any settlers who are not in the service of the Society to reside upon the Society's Settlement, and transmit the same to Mr. Marsden and myself.

There are many persons of respectable character as members of Society, whom I think it would nevertheless be unprudent to place amongst us. There are some regulations which our very

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profession engages us to adhere to, but which  
none, or very few except religious characters  
would feel equally binding. And as the Missionaries  
are in some measure considered responsible for  
the external good conduct of those who are  
with them, I think it would be much better  
for them to continue alone. A friendly correspondence  
might be kept up between the Missionaries  
and any other settlers who might be inclined  
to establish themselves at New Zealand.

Our Honorable Committee will bear in  
mind, that altho, as a Magistrate it is  
my undoubted province to check gross  
immoralities, and prevent the Profanation of  
the Lord's Day &c, yet my authority being (while  
I am without proper force to support me)

merely nominal, it cannot be expected that  
 my just commands will be always obeyed.  
 Besides there are crosses to take up amongst the  
 Nation which a worldly minded man generally  
 speaking cannot, and will not bear, nor will  
 he have recourse to the weapons of the patient  
 Missionary.

Should the Society send out a Smith he must  
 be engaged to act solely for the Society. The  
 Nations will do any thing for a Smith, they  
 therefore be tempted to enter into private trade  
 He will be tried severely if he will prove  
 faithful to the Society.

There will be always a temptation for mechanics  
 and Husbandmen ~~to~~ to save for themselves. Of this  
 you are perfectly aware — I am, Dear Sir  
 Your faithful Servant  
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