

Mr. Thomas Kendall to Secretary

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Recd and Dear Sir;

(Ans. Sep. 5/16, by the Sir W. Bunsley)

As the Master of the vessel which put in here for refreshment generally barter with the natives for Muskets and Powder and on this account have a great advantage over us in respect to procuring such articles of food as we are in want of, I wish to know your opinion, whether it would be prudent for us occasionally to part with such articles; or whether we should at all events continue to dispose of such articles only as are useful to the mechanic or husbandman.

You mention the probability of sending to our aid two Clergymen. Should you do this, I think one of them might be instructed to remain with

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me, and the other might go over to Mr. Hall,
and try to raise a school where he resides.
This is a barren spot, and I fear we can do
but little towards our own support. There
is no land near us suitable for growing wheat
while the land near Mr. Hall is level and
fertile, and fit for every purpose of cultivation.
I reluctantly consented on this very account
to settle here at first, but I did not like
resolutely to oppose Mr. Menden. As a schoolmaster
I also perfectly agreed with him that it would
be best to make our first attempt to establish
a school where there is a number of children,
depending upon the Society for every needful
assistance. I think, however, that a school

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may be established at Mr. Hall's place in a very
little time.

I must just hint to you, what I think, will be
the best course for me to pursue with respect to Mr
Hall and Mr King until I hear from you. As they
are too independent to be advised by me, or even
Mr. Menden in points that I judge to be of
importance, I think it will be proper for me
to leave them in future to take their own way
rather than to contend in an unchristian manner.
It is not one or two, but continually recourse
has been had to personalities. I feel my own temper,
and grieve that I do not always bear things mildly
to my better judgment, I therefore think it best
to withdraw as well as I can. I trust I shall
always speak well of Mr. Hall and Mr. King as I
find opportunity. My Dear Sir, Things went on smoothly
with me whilst I was in London, but since then

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my faith has been put to the trial. The weapons
of my spiritual warfare have not been wielded
at all times with the watchfulness and force they
demand; but I bless God, he is still my friend and
comforter. The cause in which we are engaged is

glorious however poor & feeble the instruments.
While we are ashamed of our want of love &
zeal for his service, to his name be the praise &

Glory - and our Redeemer & Saviour.

Your faithful Servant,
Theodore