

Rev. W. Lupton to Secretary

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Dear Sir,

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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 15 Aug.<sup>r</sup> last, enclosing some Tracts, and requesting my exertions and influence in behalf of the Church Missionary Society. I feel greatly obliged to the Committee for their kind attention and for the honour which they have hereby conferred upon me, and beg to assure them that I shall at all times and on all occasions be extremely happy to render them any service in my power, because in serving them I should be serving the blessed Redeemer, and I trust I should "do it heartily as to the Lord". - But I am sorry to observe that among us the spirit of the times is very unfavourable to missions. - This, my humble opinion, I believe perfectly accords with the sentiments of Mr. Marsden. - Better days we hope will arrive; when the enmity of the carnal mind shall be more subdued. - We shall watch for the opening of a brighter prospect, - and embrace the first season of Charity and general Benevolence. - Perhaps the Committee's wishes being kindly intimated to His Excellency

The Rev.<sup>d</sup> Josiah Pratt,

Secretary to the Church Missionary Society

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