

(copy) Secy. to Mr. M^{rs} Hall

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Church Missionary House

London, Sep. 12/15

Dear Sir

In a letter to Mr Kendall, dated the 5th being much pressed for time, I requested him to read to you what I wrote to him. The ship, I find, is delayed; and I, therefore take the opportunity of writing a few lines to you.

We were much grieved to receive from you an account of such a calamity as that which had befallen you when your last was written, of the 15th of Jan'y. We were thankful to hear that Mrs Hall was recovering, and trust that she is long since quite well. Mr. Nicholas who has just been with me, tells me that poor Quattera said mischief would follow if you exposed yourselves to his countrymen in those quarters.

I know not how you will be situated when this reaches you; but I pray that God may give you all grace to live together in mutual forbearance and love. A great field is before you. You have been placed in that scene of labour at a very serious charge. You have opportunities for glorifying your Heavenly Master, afforded to few. Your need of grace, indeed, is great and peculiar: but "My grace is sufficient for thee" should lead you to wrestle

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earnestly in continual prayer, that in your weakness
Christ may be glorified. Self must be laid at the
foot of the Cross, or it would have been better
for you not never to have set foot on New
Zealand, nay never to have been born.

The Com. desire to do every thing in their
power to render you comfortable, and to assist
you in your labours. They entrust the manage^{ment}
ment of the whole undertaking to Mr. Marsden,
and the other friends in N. S. Wales, who are
associated with him as a Cor. Com. Make
known also your wishes and wants to us through
them: both they and we will assist you to our
utmost.

There is not time to prepare the things
for which you ask so as to send them by this
vessel; but we will send them by another. You
must implicitly follow the direction of Mr. Marsden
and our other friends, as to avoiding private trade
and in all other ~~particular~~ points on which they give
you Instruction.

We send out by this vessel (the Sir John
Bensley) a quantity of Stores: of these our Cor. Com.
will, doubtless, supply you with what will be useful.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Hall, & to your
Companions, and believe me ever affectionately yours,

(Signed) Josiah Pratt