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CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt to Thomas Kendall

Church Miss^y House London

June 7/[18]17

My Dear Sir

I wrote to you on the 5th of Sep^r last by the Sir W^m Bensley, since which time we have rec[eive]^d various communications from you as follows

2 Letters dated July 3/15

Memoranda from July 11/15 to Aug^t 31/15

A Duplicate of your Account of the New Zealanders dated Oct 19/15

A letter dated Oct^r 27/15

A letter dated January 19/16 with an enclosure

2 Letters dated Jan^y 20/16

1 Letter dated Jan^y 22/16

2 Letters dated Jan^y 23/16

8 Letters dated Jan^y 29/16

We have sent to M^r Marsden a supply of Registers for the last, & a few of each month in this year, for your use, they will shew youj what we are doing.

We are much gratified by your steady & persevering conduct, & trust that you may have grace given you to continue to the end, patient, meek, faithful, & laborious; looking to receive your full reward from Him whom you serve. [f]

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We send you herewith the 3 Wigs which you mentioned in a letter to Mr Woodd; & will take an early opportunity of procuring & forwarding the Investment which you have requested.

We are much interested in the full & detailed accounts which you have given, large extracts from which we shall be glad to publish when we are able.

It is a remarkable circum[stan]ce, & shews the disposition of both parties, that the natives sho^d have protected you ag[ains]^t the outrages of Captⁿ Parker's Crew.

It was truly painful to us to see that you were not acting in Christian Concert together. You have in your letter so well described the conduct which you ought to pursue, that we need not say any thing by way of advice. "He that will be greatest, let him be the servant," is our Master's direction; & if followed, it must lead to harmony & peace. We shall write to Mr Hall & Mr King. [f]

Respecting your question, as to the expediency of settlers who are men of decided piety joining you in the same settlement, we are disposed to agree with you, that it may be inexpedient on many accounts. We know, by experience, the danger of much association with worldly men, however moral or respectable. It lowers the tone of Christian feeling in the mind of the servants of God, without producing a countervailing benefit in the mind of his Associates.

We would recommend you not to imitate the example of Europeans in barftering powder & Muskets, if you can possibly do without it. Let it be seen as

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much as may be, that you are men of another spirit & have other views than this world's good.

Pray furnish us, at all opportunities, with the fullest accounts of the Natives & of all your proceedings.

You will be much interested in the account of poor Mowhee, who is gone to the Rest of Heaven. We send [sic] copies to M^r Marsden, & have requested him to forward some to you. [f]

With best regards to M^{rs} Kendall,

I am ever, Dear Sir,
Affec[tionate]ly Yours,
Josiah Pratt