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CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt to William Hall

Church Missionary House,

London, June 7/[18]17

Dear Sir

I wrote to you on the 12th of Sep[tember] by the Sir W^m Bensley, when I answered your Letter of Jan. 12th & 16th 1816; and have since received yours, dated Oct[ober] 24/15. Having an opportunity of sending, we gladly avail ourselves of it, to furnish you with the Registers up to the present time. With respect to the cloth which you wish for the sawyers, we refer you to our friends in New South Wales. They have full liberty to furnish any thing of that kind, but we know not what sort to send, and find it difficult in our great press of business, to procure and forward articles of that nature.

We are beginning to think it long since we heard from you; and hope that our hearts will soon be refreshed by tidings that you are with one mind striving together to promote the faith of the Gospel, and that the natives are won by your good conversation to enquire into your principles. Many eyes are now eagerly directed towards New Zealand. M^r Marsden's account of his visit there has interested many hearts in its welfare. Good tidings from this far Country would indeed be as water to a thirsty soul. You are, doubtless, often called to the giving up of self-will, and to sacrifices of various kinds; but you will remember that the Christian life demands this in every station, that our time here is short, and our whole concern ought to be to do the will of God and glorify his name.

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I need tell you no particulars respecting the Society [f] as you will find ample details in the Register.

May our God bless you, and M^{rs} Hall, and your family, and grant you His grace to serve Him faithfully in the Gospel of His Son, and give us to meet many of those who are as yet Heathen in His eternal Kingdom.

I am, Dear Sir

Ever truly yours,

(Signed) Josiah Pratt