

(copy) 18 Secretary to Mr. William Hall

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Church Missionary House,  
London, June 7/14

Sent, per copy, by Rev. Mr. Gyles

Dear Sir

I wrote to you on the 12<sup>th</sup> of Sep. by the  
Sir Wm Bensley, when I answered your letter of Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> 1816.  
1816; and have since received yours, dated Oct. 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. Mr. 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.

I need tell you no particulars respecting the Society

19 as you will find ample details in the Register.

May our God bless you, and Mrs. 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