

*Thomas Kendall to CMS Secretary copy after to Samuel Marsden*

Rev<sup>d</sup> & Dear Sir

I am now waiting for Supplies to enable me to commence the Society's School at this place. You will have the goodness to send me a portion of rice and any thing else you may think needful. As rice is not dear at New South Wales I think you would do right to send two Tons for the School alone; I should then have a good stock in hand in the event of Potatoes & c<sup>a</sup> being scarce. I send by this conveyance to M<sup>r</sup> Pratt a List of such articles of trade as are most suitable for bartering with the natives for Fish, Pork, Potatoes & c<sup>a</sup> a copy of which I enclose for your inspection. You will have the goodness to send me such articles of the kind as you may have by you and can conveniently spare. I entreat you to let the supplies intended for the School be kept distinct from those intended for the [f] Settlement. Every thing that can be divided in a regular way according to ration amongst our families we can settle very well here, but all other things ought (to prevent murmurings & personalities) to be divided in proper proportions by our friends who send them. I have no clear instructions either from you or M<sup>r</sup> Pratt respecting the maintenance of the School. I shall be glad if you will write fully upon the Subject. Perhaps the Society may support the School out of the School Fund. I should be happy if I could collect a number of Scholars without the Society being at the expence of feeding them, but I am certain that I cannot. I could never keep the children free from filth and vermin if I was to suffer them daily to run backwards and forwards from School to their friends; nor would they constantly

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attend without their victuals being given them. [f] If the children are clothed in part with European raiment I think it may do. Warm clothing such as is used in charity Schools in England is best. This is a cold rainy country in the winter. Their Prints &c are next to nothing. Some coarse Towelling – Knives, Spoons, a large Iron Pot will be necessary –

I wish you to conceal articles of trade which you may send from Port Jackson from the Natives who may be on a visit there or on board the Active.

And am Rev<sup>d</sup> and Dear Sir

Your faithful Serv<sup>t</sup>

Tho<sup>s</sup> Kendall

Rev<sup>d</sup> S. Marsden