

Thomas Kendall to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

Bay of Islands Nov^r 12 – 1816

Revd and Dear Sir,

I forgot to mention Slates in my Letter to you for Supplies for the School. Lancaster's Slates which I purchased of your Brother with my own private property I left in Nedw South Wales as they were wanted there. You will also send some Slate pencils for the School.

The View of the settlement sent by the conveyance for M^r Marsden's inspection, I hope you will receive in a package from Him. I intend the Large one for the Committee. The small one I have sent to our dear friend M^r B. Woodd.

I am truly sorry to hear of the State of the Active at Otaheite. She must be a heavy expence to the Society or M^r Marsden. The settlement [f] might be supported with much less care and in comfort if we could do without a Vessel. I do not know how to advise for the best. M^r Marsden I fear is embarassed [sic] in this affair. He has few friends in New South Wales to help him. I believe his heart's desire is to promote the Spiritual and temporal welfare of the Natives of the South Sea islands, but he seems to have almost ventured beyond his depth before he could know the mind of the Comm[itt]ee & to what extent it would encourage his views and proceedings. I hope he has been relieved before this. I pray that the Hearts of the people of God may be opened in behalf of these poor Heathens.

You will be glad to hear that Walter Hall has taken his passage in the King George for Port Jackson so that in a day or two I expect the settlement [f] will be at

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peace. He has been tolerably quiet since the time I was with him in the Shop. He had asserted before that if Governor Macquarie would not give him his free pardon he would by his influence with the natives drive every missionary settler back to Port Jackson. Deluded Mortal. "Thoughts are vain against the Lord." The Natives instead of taking his part against us, encourage him to leave the island.

I expect the Active from Otaheite in a month or two from this date. When we shall have a Vessel from Port Jackson I know not. My dear Sir, I long to hear from you. I want to know how you wish me to go on—Give my Christian Love to the Gentlemen who meet at St Johns Chapel And am Rev^d & Dear Sir

Your faithful Servant

Tho Kendall

Please to send a Queen's Metal Teapot for M^{rs} Hall M^{rs} Carlisle, M^{rs} King and M^{rs} Kendall