

*Samuel Marsden to William Hall and John King*

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Dear Sirs

I received your respective letters by the King George. I have carefully read them & after maturely considering their contents I am sorry to say that I perceive, there is a great want of mutual confidence, Brotherly love, and Christian affection between you & your Colleague M<sup>r</sup> Kendall. This Want of unity of Sentiment mutual Cooperation & christian forbearance will tend not only to injure but to defeat the great object of the Mission— Under this painful impression I feel it My indispensable duty as Agent to the Church Missionary Society, to say, that if you are dissatisfied with your present situation, & Conscious in your own breasts, that you do not possess those kind, benevolent and christian feelings towards the Natives that will call forth your Cordial and willing exertions for their present & Eternal Welfare, You have my full Approbation to return to [f] Port Jackson & to retire from your engagements with the Society till I receive directions from the Committee respecting you.

If you can lay aside all your prejudices & join hand & heart together in the great Work, it is much to be Wished— But if you Cannot love as brethren & exert your respective abilities for the good & comfort of each other, and the general benefit of the natives, it would be more for your happiness and the interest of the cause in which you are engaged, for you to leave your stations to be supplied with others, who may not meet with the same difficulties, that you seem to imagine you

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have to struggle with— I am fully aware while you feel those Sentiments, expressed or implied in Your letters, You will never be happy in New Zealand and can never discharge, from that cause, your duty to the Society — I have felt it my duty to express myself in this plain manner that you may no longer halt between two opinions, but either engage with All your talents in the Work of the Lord, or retire from it as soon as you can. [f] Judge yourselves therefore, examine yourselves closely and see how you are affected towards the Work, And Act honestly as in the sight of God, that if your feelings are such, that you cannot promote the Welfare of the Natives, you may not injure the Cause— I shall leave what I have now said to your serious Consideration, It is a Matter of infinite importance to yourselves & to the Mission, & probably to thousands yet Unborn, in what way you determine to Act— May the Lord direct you in the right Way that whatever your determination may be, you may never have cause to repent either in time or eternity — This is the Sincere prayer of

Dear Sirs

Your friend

And Well wisher

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