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Rev. S. Manden to Mr Wm Hale or Mr John King

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Dear Sir

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 Mr Kendall, This want of unity of sentiments 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

I am to retire from your engage-
 ments 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 have to struggle with. — I am fully
 aware while you feel those sentiments, ex-
 pressed 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

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 yourself & 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 Believer
Saml. Merrill

The Rev. a. J. M. M. M.
to the M. J. M. M. M.
New Zealand
10 Decr 1816