

Mr Thomas Kendall to Rev. Basil Wood

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Rev<sup>d</sup> and Dear Sir,

I have already communicated to you the particulars of the commencement of the Church Missionary Society's school at New Zealand and its progress in August, September and October 1816, and I have again the pleasure of reporting the state of the Establishment during November and December in the same year, and January 1817.

In November and December there was not so great a number of children instructed as in the preceding month. Every method was adopted to gain their attention which was likely to prove effectual, but as we had no provisions of any sort to give them to eat, it necessarily followed that they must seek out for themselves, and that we could not prevent their falling off. I was exceedingly distressed in my mind on this account, not then expecting any arrivals from Port Jackson for at least three or four months to come but my fears were groundless. Mr Marsden contemplating our wants had, on account of the long delay of the Active as stated engaged the Queen Charlotte to convey us supplies on her passage from Port Jackson to the Marquesas, and her unexpected appearance on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December put an end to my inquietude. A portion of the stores was with the consent of my colleagues set apart