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Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir,

Since I had the pleasure of writing to you by the Brig Alexander I have received two Cases of Bibles & Testaments from the British & Foreign Bible Society which I am led to think was through your kindness. In mentioning the deplorable state of the part I was appointed to - the situation of which place I fear is like to Egyptian darkness - &c. &c. -

I was unable to form any method of distribution with satisfaction, as I did not receive the smallest memorandum with the Books from the Society. - The only claim I had to them - they were directed to me - it is probable if they had contained any thing else, I might never have heard of them. I must at any rate write to the Society an account - A number have been given to the Sunday Schools lately established -

You will be pleased to receive accounts, that we have formed a Bible Society after much difficulty - I wish I could inform you of an Auxiliary Church Missionary Society being established - Mr Warden promises me he will attempt it shortly - but you will see by his letters the state of things here & what he has to endure for his active exertions in the Missions established in the South Seas - &c. &c. -

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The attack on his character & reputation as well that on the whole of  
the clergy is the most unfounded & proves that those concerned are  
not friendly to Religion however they attempt to do something in  
a public way -

Of Mr. Madden's conduct is weighed since he has been in this Colony  
amidst all his weakness, the world will find his worth to be of the highest  
order - The service he has done this Colony speaks very loud, but that  
done the Pious never ought to be forgotten - It was this zealous  
man of God who urged the exiled Missionaries to return to Tahiti  
to see the rich Harvest - &c. &c. -

And where have we an example in modern days of a Man of  
like zeal who has left his family & dared dangers (unknown to most)  
as that we have seen in Mr. Madden in his journey between islands  
you see as well as the Society know his abilities & properly <sup>appreciate</sup> his worth -

I take the liberty further to observe that if Mr. Madden has  
injured himself more than he will be able to recover in the  
Active's speculation, that Capital with all your assistance has never  
paid the Disbursements by Hundreds - it is said by many Thousands  
Therefore instead of the charge of being Selfish or selfish, we should esteem  
his benevolence of a superior kind & that God has raised him up  
for your joy & the spread of his Gospel & if you were to see him  
& hear his daily conversation you would find he is a Missionary  
in soul & body - & this is why they hate him - calling him the  
head of Missionaries & sectaries - The Christian Recalculator &c. &c.

I trust Mr. Madden will meet with all that assistance from the two  
Societies his active services claim & as it is for their sakes he now suffers,  
every hand will be held up - that the enemy may not triumph  
I am of opinion that Mr. Madden has many warm friends in the  
Colony & as the attack is so odious & unjust. I'd many more will be  
found ready to step forward if required -

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I have been detained by the Governor & at present do duty at Liverpool  
an inland district about 20 miles from Sydney where we have a  
tolerable attendance - This place was appointed for Mr Dale who has  
returned to Europe - There is a very good Tavernage House & the  
Governor is preparing to build a neat Church we now assemble  
in a large school room - This station leads to a very extensive  
country & will be a very populous Town in a few years -  
The reason assigned for my not going to Port Dalrymple is there is no  
harbour prepared, & I expect it will be a long time first, as the present  
town is to be given up & to be removed 70 or 80 miles nearer the  
Harbour -

The Chaplain at the Depot has been very ill some months & there  
is little hopes of his recovery - Of course I shall be removed thither  
as it comes in order & no doubt I shall receive the nomination  
as soon as his demise is known -

You will observe I am not regularly settled & therefore am  
in my operations - Wherever I am, I shall be happy to  
serve the Society in every thing any  
local situation will admit -

I shall take it a very particular favour in informing me by the  
opportunity whether my Annual Subscription has been paid  
since my departure, in the event of it not being paid, I shall pay  
the arrears to Mr Mendenhall or to any one you may appoint to  
receive it & I hope it will not be distant, when we shall be able to  
announce the formation of a Church Missionary Society in this Colony  
I shall always be thankful to have accounts of your progress  
both as it respects your Ministry & also that of Missionary work.  
I have not to pray for our worthy member - pray for us -  
we need your help & advice -

I am with all due respect

Your Obedient Servant John Gould.

D. D. Mr Pratt -

67 So Mr. Hadden will no doubt introduce Mr. Tho. Napier to a  
notice who is a very serious Youth going to the University  
Particulars relation to the Library will also be detailed with the  
state of Religion amongst us —

I have written in much haste, arising from the sudden  
departure of the ship —

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This Letter is perquisite only to my friend Mr. Tho. W. Pratt