

Thomas Kendall to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

Bay of Islands 10 June 1817

Rev^d and Dear Sir:

Your Letter bearing date Sep 5. 16 is now before me. I thank you for your instructions, and shall make it my study to obey them.

I have forwarded by this conveyance some Matts made by the female Scholars, and some curiosities which I have requested M^r Marsden to transmit to you. I expect the Katharine will sail from this place for England in a few months if she has good success. She is now upon the Coast. When Captain Graham returned from England he presented us with many Comforts at the desire of M^r Bennett. His Vessel obtains [sic] supplies of Pork and Potatoes from this place at a trifling expence. If Captain Graham should call at the House I hope you will endeavour to see him. Upon his return you will have the goodness to send at least some Missionary Registers. I have not seen any dated later than July 1815. M^r Marsden has omitted sending them this [f] time by mistake.

Should you send any Articles for the School I wish you to be particular in making mention of them to M^r Marsden. I divide all things that come to this place amongst the settlers by ration except such as are specified for a particular object. I find this is the way to keep peace.

I have seen the Rev^d Andrew Cheaps Letter. I am glad to hear of the benevolent intentions of many in favor of New Zealand.

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I have now received my Daughters and I trust shall have no more to call upon the Society for additional allowances. They will be safe, in my opinion both from Natives and Europeans. When they grow up to be women I shall, if I live, endeavour to follow the leadings of Providence respecting them.

Should Captain Graham return to this Coast after his arrival in England, I think you might send natives or any thing else safe by him. [f] There are now five Settlers here. I shall beg of you to send a kettle for each family. A Copper kettle costs 50^s at port Jackson. Iron ones would do. Except M^r Marsden is very ably supported I am afraid he will sink under his burthen. The Settlement may be easily supported, but the Vessel is a very heavy weight upon him.

M^{rs} Kendall unites in best regards to M^{rs} Pratt yourself and family. And am

Rev^d and Dear Sir

Your faithful Serv[an]^t

Thos Kendall