

*Thomas Kendall to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt*

Bay of Islands July 29. 1817

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

I am sorry for those unhappy differences which some time ago were the occasion of so much disquietude in this settlement, and, that I was in any way involved in them. In my communications to you by the Katherine, which for want of time were sent upon loose papers, I endeavoured to avoid harsh expressions against my colleagues as much as possible, and you would not then have heard any thing unpleasant from me, but I did not know what to do. My heart was full of grief and trouble. I do not know what complaints my Colleagues might make. I would not insinuate that I have been always right and they always wrong, neither should I, I trust, vindicate any [f] parts in my own conduct which were justly blameable. Thus far, however, I humbly hope, I may be permitted to say it is the Lord who in his infinite condescension to me, has called me to the work in which I am now engaged. If there is, in any of my transactions as a Missionary Settler any evil it is from myself, if any good it is of the Lord's doing. I desire to bless him for it. I praise him that his rod and staff are my comfort. I pray that I may be inclined to go on with a single Eye to his Glory and to be made useful in promoting his kingdom amongst the Natives where I now sojourn. It is also my study to give satisfaction to the Society whose Servant I am. Next to the displeasure of my Heavenly Master nothing would grieve me so much, as to forfeit the good opinion of the Society. They will not expect perfection from [f] me because there is no such

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thing in the world. Nor do I hope when I err that I should be so blind to my own spiritual interests as to take offence at receiving a friendly reproof from good men. But generally speaking, I do not think, I could continue in this situation, without I was persuaded firmly, that I was acting with the cordial approbation of the Society.

I have the missionary register bound in boards for the first year. I shall be glad if you will send me a volume in Boards for each succeeding year. One Copy of loose Missionary Registers to be sent as opportunity offers. And a Bound volume for each year for the use of the Library would suit us well. Some Missionary Registers must be left at N. S. Wales by mistake. I have not one by me dated later than July 1815. I am Rev<sup>d</sup> & Dear Sir

Your faithful Serv<sup>t</sup>

Tho. Kendall

My Lre to M<sup>r</sup> Marsden &

M<sup>r</sup> Mann you will

probably read.