

Samuel Marsden to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

Parramatta Feby 12th.

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My Dear Sir/
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I have written a Letter to you by Dr Bromley of the Royal Navy; and have requested him to wait upon you with this open note when he may have a convenient opportunity — I wish you to have a little Conversation with him upon my Situation in this Colony. From existing Circumstances there is some doubt in my mind, whether I shall remain long in this Colony. My Situation is trying in the extreme. I have no Inducement to remain an Hour in this Settlement, excepting my wish to promote the Good of the Natives of the South Sea Islands; and for their Sakes, I would willingly make great Sacrifices — I should consider it one of the Happiest days of my Life, could I leave [f] the Colony and retire to New Zealand, under the present Government. Dr Bromley will explain to you more than I can write, as he is a Gentleman well acquainted with the Spirit of the times. I think it probable he may return. Should any Circumstances occur to require my leaving the Colony I shall endeavour to make every arrangement in my Power before my Departure for carrying on the Settlement at New Zealand — The work there will go on well I have no doubt in my own mind — I am anxious to visit them again — and have been strongly tempted to leave the Colony from the difficulties of my Situation, without giving any notice, and taking up my Residence amongst them till times

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change— and I sometimes think I have Scripture Warrant for this. “When ye are persecuted in one City, flee [f] ye to another.” Time may bring Relief—

I remain

Dear Sir

Yours affectionately

Samuel Marsden

Revd J. Pratt

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