

Recd. Jan. 26/19. by D. Bromley

Rev. S. Hayden to the Secy

Barren Hill Feb 7 1818

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my dear Sir!

Com. of Cor. Feb. 5/19

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 or live 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

the Colony, and retire to New Zealand, under the present Government. Dr. Hymersley 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. We 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 my Situation, without giving my notice, and taking up my Residence amongst them till times change - and I sometimes think I have Scripture Warrant for this.

When ye are persecuted in one City, flee

ye to another. " Mine may bring letters ⁹⁰

I remain

Dear Sir

— yours affectionately

Samuel Mendenhall

Rev. J. Knapp

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New York, N.Y.

Salisbury Square

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir

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Royal Navy