

CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt and Edward Bickersteth [to Robert Cartwright]

Church Missionary House, London,

March 12/18

My dear Sir

We duly received your letter, dated in March 1817, for which accept our best thanks.

We were much obliged to you for your account of M^r W^m Carlisle, & M^r Cha^s Gordon; and are much gratified that you should have been able to find such men in New South Wales, who were willing to join our New Zealand Mission. We gladly receive them.

Many thanks for the attention which you have paid to this Mission, & the help which you have afforded to M^r Marsden. We have written to him generally respecting the Mission, & your joint letters to us.

The continuance of the assistance of your advice in, & watching over, this infant Mission, will greatly oblige the Committee. We are anxious also that the seminary at Parramatta should if it be practical without giving offence embrace the education of New Hollanders as well as the New Zealanders. We should be glad, while attending to the distant Islands of New Zealand, to give some care also to the Natives of New Holland.

We doubt not that the Bounty of the British Christians will enable us more & more to extend our Missions.

We are dear Sir

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Very affectionately Y[ou]^{rs}

(Signed Josiah Pratt

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