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Rev. S. Mendenhall

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Com. of Gov. Jan. 1/19

Dear Sir,

I have sent my letters by  
Captain Ker of the David Shaw. and  
hope you will receive them safe. Should  
Captain Ker call at your office, I beg to  
refer you to him for any information  
you may require - I have requested  
him to call at the Bay of Islands  
if the wind will permit, to see the  
letters, and take their letters - The Active  
is now here, and will return to New  
Zealand in a few days - I am getting  
her ready, as fast as I can - nine  
New Zealanders will return in her. Three  
or four will remain at Parramatta.

for Improvement. One is now making Rope  
and spinning Yarn. Two are learning  
Smith making, and another learning Farming  
work. I am going to send a Person  
over to Salt and cure Fish. As there are  
the greatest abundance of Fish, I think  
this will be a great advantage to them, to be  
taught how to cure them. I do not intend  
that this Establishment shall be any Expence to  
the Society, as I send the Fisherman on my  
own private Account; and shall see how  
it will answer. I hope now the very  
heavy Expence is over; and also that the  
Difficulties that have been thrown in the  
way will be in some Degree removed. They  
never can be so great again.

In consequence of the many Indignities I received  
in every possible way, I requested His Excellency

to allow me to resign my office as magistrate  
 at Parramatta. To this the Governor replied  
 he would not allow me to resign my services  
 were too beneficial to the Public. However  
 I was resolved the next month I received from  
 the Governor, as a magistrate I would  
 retire from the bench, and act no longer.  
 An opportunity soon occurred when  
 I immediately sent the Governor my  
 resignation, informing him I would act  
 no longer. In the next Gazette, the Governor  
 published a general order, stating that he  
 had dispensed with my services, endeavour-  
 ing to impress upon the public mind  
 that he had dismissed me, and that is the  
 reward I have got for many a weary day  
 and sleepless night during a period of twenty  
 years. I merely mention this, as some of my  
 friends on reading the Governor's order

might be induced to think I had done some  
 thing wrong for which the Governor had  
 dismissed me from the office of the  
 Magistracy. This was wholly an Act of  
 my own - I resigned my office, in order that  
 I might be more independent of the Governor,  
 and less exposed to Insults and Vexation.

Captain Ker was at Parramatta at the very  
 time; and knows what was the public  
 Opinion of the Governor's Conduct in this  
 Instance. His Excellency would not allow me  
 to resign; but I had no Idea of remaining in  
 an office merely to be insulted & annoyed.

We more retired from public Affairs, and  
 public men, the happier & safer I shall  
 be -

Rev. J. Knott

I remain,  
 Rev. Sir  
 yours affectionately  
 Saml Marsden