

Rec<sup>d</sup>. June 14/19, by the "Catherine"  
Cru<sup>d</sup>. July 20/19, by the "Catherine".

W<sup>m</sup> Thos Kendall to the Rev. Mr Wood  
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Com<sup>r</sup>. (in Cov.) June 22/19.

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

It has pleased Almighty God of his goodness to preserve me and my Colleagues with our families in safety at this place during the past four years, and it affords me unspeakable satisfaction to be enabled to acquaint you, that we are now under no fears respecting our personal safety, the natives, making due allowance for their wild habits, being reconciled to us, and we to them. On their part there is no apparent obstacle in the way of our usefulness, except, as must be expected, their unsettled turn of mind; and we have every encouragement to indulge the hope, that by a patient perseverance in the path of duty, with a single eye to the glory of God and their benefit, a blessing will attend our feeble exertions. I am now anxiously expecting some person of talent to assist me in fixing the New Zealand Language. One friend of a kindred spirit, possessing greater abilities than I do, would be very useful to me and I could be useful to him. As

soon as the Holy Scriptures are in print, or such parts of  
 them, as, the general knowledge of which are essential  
 to salvation, and the natives are taught to read them,  
 a general blessing, in dependance upon the Divine Promises  
 may then, and perhaps not before then, expected. Although  
 the New Zealanders are exceedingly superstitious, and what  
 Religion they profess is constituted of Poles the most horrible  
 and offensive to an Englishman and a Christian, yet it  
 certainly is a very encouraging circumstance that parents  
 do not at all object to their children being instructed  
 by us, they rather wish it, and the children themselves  
 have always been ready to repeat their lessons when called  
 upon, and have been kept in a state of discipline far  
 superior to my expectations when we have had it in our  
 power to give them an handful of victuals. You have,  
 I have no doubt, been highly gratified with the accounts  
 of the many children who have attended the Society's  
 School. Those accounts, I do assure you, were correct, and  
 I must say, that at the time they were written, notwithstanding  
 my spirits were often ready to sink, by reason of the  
 frequent troubles which afflicted this settlement, my heart was

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filled with  
joy and thankfulness at the fair prospects then before  
me. And it is not the fault of the native children that  
my harp is once more hung upon the willows. It is  
because I have not been able to feed them for more than  
five or six months during the past year. I have long since  
declared, that if the children were not regularly fed  
twice per day, with an handful of potatoes, or a little rice,  
the school would be in a great measure deserted. I wish  
Mr Marsden was directed to provide for the school as  
a separate establishment; it will not answer for the  
Schoolmaster, whoever he be, to depend upon the will,  
or contributions of the settlers. One hundred pounds per  
annum, should it be required, would only be a trifle  
with the Society, and would well maintain Fifty or Sixty  
Scholars. I wish only to give them just as much  
as will keep them generally collected together; I do  
not want to pamper them. I have told Mr Marsden  
and Mr Pratt all I mean to say upon this subject;  
whatever may be determined, I trust I shall do the  
best I can; I have been very unhappy lately, having  
wrought hard with my hands for two years in order  
to procure necessary accommodations, and then to be

crippled in my work, on account of too little support,  
and the different plans carried on in the settlement,  
the one having a tendency to check the other. When I  
am in trouble I am but ill calculated to do good.  
The Active returned from Port Jackson with supplies for  
the settlement in the month of June last. About five  
pounds worth of trade and five hundred pounds of  
Tie were laid aside for the School. I do not think  
the School has been out of my thoughts since that  
time one single waking hour. I do not attach any  
name to Mr Marsden or any one else. Mr Marsden  
I am sure has at heart the welfare of the Natives.  
The difficulty arises chiefly from the ready attention  
of the Native children to the School, and to the want  
of a settled plan from the first, for their support, and  
to keep them when once collected together. If supplies  
are not sent out to Mr Marsden already for the School  
something ought to be sent by the Catherine, provided a  
School is to be supported here at all. Should they be sent  
out by the way of Port Jackson it might possibly be  
two years before I received them.

Mr Kendall writes in grateful recollection. It is now nearly six years since we joined with you all in communion, but our hearts are still with you. I am glad to hear of your good health. I bless God my wife and seven children are well, and I have had my health ever since the day I landed here. I shall be forty years of age on the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month. My father lived until he was ninety three. I have not yet attained to half that period, yet I am covered with grey hairs. If it pleases the Lord to spare me I pray to him that I may be usefully employed in promoting the Kingdom of his Dear Son. If he has any thing for me to do upon earth he will prolong my life in it, yet as I was led in my fancy some evenings ago into your company, and you pull'd out your watch and told me "it was time to think of going" so the caution applies to me. I trust & whenever it may please God to call us we shall meet in his Kingdom above.

I have received your Memoir of Mowhee, I hope for this time my young friends Toi and Tcetaddee have

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been also with you. Their friends are well. Should the  
native Mayree call upon you he will tell you a  
little about us. I expect he will return in the Catherine  
I shall be glad if you will write me a short note by the  
Catherine. If it or any parcels are sent to Mr Bennett's  
countriy house they will be taken care of. Capt.  
Graham has been very frequently at the Settlement. I  
wish he could see you, but I am afraid he will think  
your residence too far distant.

Mr Kendall writes in dutiful & affectionate regards  
to Mrs Woodd, yourself & all friends -  
My kind respects to Mr Rowe. Mr & Mrs Mattoch  
Mr & Mrs Cahusac - Miss Mary Woodd, Mr Charles Woodd  
Mr. William Woodd. Your Look - Mrs Gibbard & Mr

I am with much affection

Your faithful servant

Thos. Kendall

Mr Bennett lives I believe  
in Rotherhithe