

From CMS Secretaries Josiah Pratt and Edward Bickersteth [to William Kendall]

Church Missionary House

London, Dec^r 14/[18]18

Dear Sir

We wrote to you fully, by the Isabella, on the 12th of March.

We have since received your Letters of June 10th & July 29th 1817 to M^r Pratt, & those of July 14/17 to the Rev. J. Mann, of Feby 1/17 to the Rev. Basil Woodd, a Duplicate of the same, & a Letter of July 25/17, to M^r Marsden, with Lists of Children from Jany to April 1817.

Some of your Letters have been more than a year in reaching us. That dated June 10/17 was not received by us till June 24/18. This will account, in some measure, for your not hearing from us. We have, besides been so incessantly occupied in the widely extending exertions of the Society, that we have not been able to write so often as we could wish.

We now send you out a body of labourers, that will, we doubt not, prove a most acceptable & valuable addition to your strength in New Zealand.

The Rev. John Butler was a member of the Bentinck Chapel Congregation, & has been ordained by the Bishop of Gloucester. We are happy to send a Clergyman, that you may have the ordinances of religion administered among you. His whole heart, we have reason to believe, is in this work.

M^r Hall is well qualified, & so is M^r Butlers eldest Son, to act as Schoolmasters.

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Mr Kemp is well acquainted with his particular trade as a Smith, & has some knowledge of Agriculture.

The Committee rejoice to find that you are now all united in one spirit. They trust that Satan may never prevail again so far as to cause divisions among brethren, who ought to dwell together in unity.

They have been much pleased with your spirit on all occasions, & are gratified with Mr Marsden's account of you.

A complete set of the Missionary Register is sent for the Library. A copy of Burn's Justice, was sent by the [f] Tottenham: other Books are now sent under the care of Mr Butler. They are all for the common use of the Settlers, under due regulations to be adopted.

We are, Dear Sir,

Ever truly yours,

(Signed) Josiah Pratt

Edw[ar]^d Bickersteth