

From William Carlisle [to CMS Secretary]

Rev Sir.

Bay of Islands December 19th. 1818.____

Although I am in imputation of a letter from you in a short time - yet in consideration of the present state of this settlement I think it my duty to address another Letter to you - I have now assisted my colleague Mr Kendall in teaching the native scholars upwards of Two years. Whilst it was in our power to give them a little of any thing to eat they attended chearfully [sic] - but we really have not been able to provide for them for some months past, nor never yet in a regular way wholly for want of supplies. - It would be a good thing if a separate allowance was made for the support of the school. It is very distressing To our feelings - after having perseved so long upon a scanty supply, we should now have the mortification to see the scholars daily leaving us, because we cannot feed them, The school in short dwindled to a mere nothing. We are nevertheless unwilling to give up. Trusting in the Lord in whose cause we trust we are engaged we are determined, to persevere, Till we can hear from you. - We wish much To have some donations from the Honble Society respecting private trade as it is a real grievance, for my own part, I presume that the necessaries of life ought not, as is now the case, to be sent out of the settlement, if wanted by individual settlers, as to carry on the work of the society. If they ever can be spared for the above purposes, it ought to be with the consent, and for the benefit of the general body. I understand Mr Kendall has pointed out to you the difficulties under which the settlers in general labour through private trade being disposed of to the natives, and the consequent unpleasant circumstances attending the unequal distribution of the necessaries of

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life, It would be very encouraging to us if something was arranged on this head, as none of us can conveniently spare any thing out of our yearly allowance. I hope sincerely you will not think I mean to attach any blame to Mr Marsden respecting our school. I easily believe that Gentleman has got the good of the mission at heart, and to my knowledge a short time back excited himself to the uttermost of his power even to the injuring of his private property - in assisting the Mission, The reason we have not been supplied I am at a loss to account for. I hope the Honble. Society will take into then serious consideration [?] our perculiar situation and grant us the supplies we stand in much in need of.- Shall be glad to hear of the safe arrival of the Kangaroo in England, and the drawing I made of the settlement having reached you safely. Although I am a stranger to the Honble society yet I much wish if they should think it worth while to get the drawing copied of to print, to have it suscib,d to the noble president. —

I Remain thud, Sir —

Your most obdt. Sernt.

Wm. Carlisle -