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Dear Sir

I am greatly at a loss what to say to you respecting private trade. If you engage in it further than you want require, you act in that case in violation of the Instructions of the Society, and contrary to your general Happiness and Interest. This conduct will always give occasion of offence, and destroy that brotherly love, and pious Christian feeling which you ought in your peculiar Station to cultivate one with another. You are all placed in the most important and honourable Station in the world; in the centre of the Enemy's camp. The Eyes of the Angels and all good Men are turned towards you. Satan trembles for his Kingdom. The Foundation will be shaken as certain as the sounding of the Ram. Horn. Men about the walls of Jericho, but then you must be united; you must be of one Heart and of one Mind; and you must be careful not to offend a weaker Brother. All things says St Paul are lawful for me, but all things are not convenient - you should not do a single thing, tho' it may be lawful, if it give offence to any of your Brethren. I know offences will come in the best Society; but they will be attended with the most pernicious Effects upon those that give them. I have no wish that you should for the want of any thing that your necessities may call for

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be under the smallest temptation to private trade.  
This will prove a lance like the wedge of gold in  
the camp of Israel. Let me entreat you then to put  
away that accursed thing from amongst you. Perhaps  
you may not be convinced of the evils attending  
upon private trade. It will turn away your heart  
from God and that spirit of meekness, that heavenly  
mindedness which should reign amongst you will be  
lost. you will not be able to love as brethren, nor  
will you be kindly affectionate one towards another  
unless you be joined together in one spirit in the  
bond. God has been very gracious to you since  
you have lived amongst the Heathens. He has  
preserved you in all dangers; and your wants have  
been supplied. I wish to write to you in the spirit  
of meekness, and to touch you in Christ's stead to  
lay no stumbling block in one another's way.

I have to gratify no private feelings, excepting  
those of a Christian, in my advice. After reading  
all your letters and combining all the information,  
I perceive there is some thing wrong amongst you  
but I could not tell where the fault lay. But I  
was convinced it originated from private traffic  
and from this baneful trade, with many bitter evils  
springing up, and trouble you. As this is an internal  
evil, existing amongst you I am at a loss how to  
remove it, or where to meet it. I should be sorry  
to give an oven to the master of the house, not to

receive any thing from you Individually on Board at  
 Port Jackson or at Port Jackson, for the Bay of Islands  
 as this on one hand would degrade you in the  
 opinion of each other, and on the other might deprive  
 you of some comforts. If you can suggest to me  
 individually or as a Body how the evil can be  
 remedied I will most readily come into your view.  
 But it will be better if possible to settle it among  
 yourselves, as any breach that this might make  
 would be sooner healed. The evil is not confined  
 to New-Zealand: the very same difficulties exist  
 in the Society Islands, and perhaps more or less  
 wherever any Europeans are settled amongst the  
 Natives. I hope you will resolve me, and all  
 to have nothing to do with private Trade.  
 We never find a man engaged to build a temple  
 selling Pans. His thoughts have more rational  
 employments you are called upon to build a  
 temple for God in a place where no stone had  
 been quarried, no timber cut nor a spit of the founda-  
 -tion dug. You have work for the employment  
 of all your time and thoughts. With what grati-  
 -fication must you behold the dawn of  
 civilization rising upon those around you, and  
 the day-star from on high visiting them. I think  
 I should feel a joy insupportable to see the Men-  
 -Leander returning home from his cultivated  
 fields with his sheaf with him. I anticipate the

May when he will plough with his yoke of oxen  
like the ancient Prophets and rejoice with the joy  
of Harvest, when his crops are gathered in, what  
will you not feel when the time shall come  
that he shall meet in the great congregation  
and worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

Consider the Honour that is put upon you, you  
are gone to prepare the way of the Lord, to make  
ready a People for him. Act in all things becom-  
ing the dignity of your Character: were the Arch-  
bishops of Canterbury & York to spend their time  
in low pursuits, in menial traffic how would  
they degrade their office: their exalted Station is  
not to be compared with yours. Let me exhort  
you to love as Brethren, bear one another's burdens,  
watch over one another's souls with a godly jealousy  
and exhort one another daily, and the God of  
Peace with them befo you, and the Gentiles amongst  
whom you live shall praise him.

I am with much esteem  
and affection Yours

Thos: Kenock, Malt,  
King, Carlisle, & Gordon

Samuel Marsden

The above is a copy of a letter I deemed necessary  
to write to the Letters or Private Trade - a line  
from you may have more influence upon them