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Rev. S. Mendenhall to the Secy.

Perman. Off. Feb. 25. 1819

Rev. S. Dear Sir Com. (in Com.) Dec. 13/19.

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Some of the settlers labour  
under a strong temptation to private trade.  
This must be counteracted if possible, as  
it injures the minds of those who are  
wholly bent upon the work of  
the mission. I have had it mentioned  
to me very strongly in general  
terms, without stating names. I cannot  
but suspect Mr. Hall is the principal  
man alluded to, in the letters I have  
received. I have always found him  
difficult to manage, tho' a very  
sensible man, and a very useful  
one. Mr. Kendall is wholly engaged  
in the work, as well as Cambridge

and Gordon. Mr. Wendell is not a man  
of a strong mind, to bear up against oppo-  
sition to his views - his feelings are soon  
wounded, and his spirits sink. I wish  
to console him all I can, he is a most  
valuable man, and his heart is in the  
work. His passions are warm, and  
he expresses his mind freely. It is  
possible he may write to you  
and say some thing upon this  
subject. Should he do so, you will  
make allowances for the feelings  
of his mind at the moment he  
may write: and form your judgment  
more, from the general tenor of his  
letters; of his view of the letterment, and  
the progress of their work, than from  
any single letter he may write, when

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his mind may be expressed more than  
common, which must be the case at  
times with him. I forward you a copy of  
an hasty letter, which I have just written  
to them as a proxy. but I think a caution  
from you, will have more weight  
than any thing I can say. Private  
Trade will be attended with great evils.  
Should it be carried to any extent in the  
present infant state of the settlement.  
They take care never to convey any  
thing to me: nor do I know what  
any of them send; as they have always  
been accommodated with Freight to &  
from New Zealand in the Arctic free.  
I do not think Mr. Hall has done much  
but cannot tell. The Principal evil of  
Trade is, that it creates jealousy. One  
man who has a turn for Traffic  
amongst the Natives, will have every

comfort around him; while his brother  
 may not have the same enjoyments.  
 The man that trades increases his Influence  
 amongst the natives in that particular  
 way: and greatly increases the value  
 of all the various necessaries &c.  
 If a Ton of Pork is purchased from the  
 natives at the Settlement, and sent to  
 Port Jackson, it makes that Article  
 cheaper than it would be to have that  
 brought to trade. when the Settlement is more  
 advanced, and the Settlers have the means  
 of Support more within themselves, I can  
 not see, there would then be that Danger  
 attending private Trade as at present.  
 Commerce will call forth the Industry of  
 the natives, and greatly improve their  
 present Condition - I merely state the  
 above for your Information in case any  
 Application may be made to you about  
 private Trade - that you may know what  
 my Views are at present I am yours affectionately  
 Wm. G. Parrell Esq. J. M. Marsden