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Rev. John Gould to the Secy.

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Com<sup>r</sup>. (in Cov.) Jan. 10/20

Dear Sir

Your very kind letter came to hand, and feel gratified so far as my remarks respecting our mutual friend the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Murden were considered just by your honourable Society. I had no other object in view but your information and from the local knowledge I have had for some years of Mr Murden's measures — can challenge any one to disprove them — It is no small satisfaction that the more Mr M has been attacked the more has shone, and if any one was in doubt. Those are removed and I truly believe, that the people in general, with only a solitary exception are so satisfied that they would appear as his friend — &c.

It is a source of lamentation the various Fences that have still prevail — I fear that the interest of the colony will suffer — I have endeavoured to keep out of sight — many have carried things beyond the proper bound —

I have just returned from Van Diemen's Land where I have been for the benefit of its finer climate & the sea voyage — My health has been very indifferent for some months past with an intermitting complaint

Yours truly  
Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Pratt

Wm. D. B.

I thank the Lord I am something recovered -  
 Distressing is the state of Religion - at the above place about  
 Four Thousand people & no Evangelical Minister -  
 I visited the two principal Stations viz Robart Town and  
 Port Dabrymple - I am in hopes of being ordered to the  
 former station as I stand appointed for that place by East  
 Burthurst the moment the present incumbent retires, which  
 is expected shortly, being in a very bad state of health -  
 I regret to observe that no Auxiliary Society has  
 been founded amongst us - much to be desired that our  
 respected friends in England who compose your Society  
 may have a small pledge of our earnest wish for  
 your prosperity -

I think Mr Marden should begin I understand one of  
 our Judges is willing to join us - which I shall more  
 fully ascertain the first time I see him -  
 and there are several other respectable persons ready  
 to take a part -

I am not for waiting as some of our Brethren has stated  
 for the time when various Godly men can be found to  
 cooperate - we may wait a long time for this & be beyond  
 the pleasure for there is no work or device in the grave

whether we are all hastening &c. &c.  
We are daily in expectation of the arrival of Messrs. Hill and  
Cross - Chaplains for the Colony - I shall be happy to find them  
ardent for your Societys prosperity if they are, we shall  
hope be able to go forward

as to the New Zealand Mission I must refer you to Mr  
Murdens letter as well as to the general state of things in  
this Colony -

She - still at Lewis Post - a neat Church is nearly ready  
roofing - a very good attendance at present with a  
School &c.

I am thankful in your esteem and hope to have grace  
continue an unworthy member of your Society -

Remaining  
Your Servant  
in St James John Gould

As I have paid my request <sup>to Mr Murden</sup> my subscription  
up to 1814 - amounting to Five Pounds - and the  
moment an Auxiliary Society is formed shall  
fulfill my duty to promote the Spirit to the utmost  
of my power - &c.

Mr Hayward intends to return to Europe by the Ship  
Lorry which sails in June next he is a worthy  
man an old Missionary at Tahiti and therefore can

159 give you much delightful information relative to the  
work of God amongst those Islands in the Pacific Ocean —

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I beg to remark lest any thing like an unpleasant impression  
should have been felt to say respecting Bills that has been sent  
in my favour on your Society - having some money to pay  
in England I requested Mr. Mawden to take any Monial Money  
of the same value here & give me what he had to pay Merchants  
for the Mission in your Bills which was an accommodation that returned