

From CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt [to Samuel Marsden]

Church Missionary House,

London, May 19/19

My Dear Sir

By the "David Shaw", I wrote you, under date of the 8th & 12th Instant, & take the opportunity of the "Regalia", to forward the Missionary registers & other books. You will find also 6 Copies of an Abstract of the proceedings of the Society for Propagating the Gospel. Please to employ these to the best advantage, as the preachers quoted therein speak with authority.

Pray remember us, with the greatest kindness to Tooi & Teeterree, & all their companions. They will have arrived in safety, we trust, long before you receive this, as they left the Downs in the "Baring" about 4 Months since.

In my Letters to you by the "David Shaw", mentioned above, I acknowledged the receipt of your's of Sept 26th in which you feelingly depict your state of mind previous to your determination to prosecute Mr Campbell. I have sent copies of this Letter to Mr Wilberforce & Mr Fowell Buxton. These friends, together with Mr Bennett, are three members of a Committee of the House of Commons, now sitting on the subject of Prisons, & which has taken up the state of New South Wales, & is instituting a close enquiry into it. These three Gentlemen hold themselves bound to consult your good name & character & to support you throughout. Mr Buxton has sent you a very kind Letter by the "David Shaw", & has forwarded, for your use, such parts of the printed Evidence as had been then printed. It contains that of Mr Riley & others well known to you. Not a word had transpired that militated against you. The

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Copy of the trials of Mr Campbell has been put in as Evidence; & such parts from them will be selected & printed, as will fix the charge on Mr Campbell, the misrepresentation of the First Trial which appeared in the Sydney Gazette having crept into the printed Evidence. [f]

Our gracious God, My Dear friend, while He tries your faith & patience, will vindicate the character of His Servants in His good time. You have able & determined friends here.

I am, Dear Sir,

Ever affectionately yours,

(Signed) Josiah Pratt

P.S. I have directed the following passage in my Letter of May 8th to be copied, being desirous that the information should reach you in case the "David Shaw" should meet with any delay or injury.

Paragraphs 5 & 6 of the said Letter were here copied, beginning with "The coils of Rope &c" – down to "can now be supplied."

N.B. Wrote again, on the 31st, a Letter of Intro[ductio]ⁿ of Mr Elliott, passenger by the "David Shaw", and sent by him 13 M.R. for May, regarding Mr M to send copies of these & of all the other publications of the Society, as they arrive, to New Zealand, & the Numbers of the "Philanthropic Gazette", as soon as opportunities should occur.