

2 (Recd. Sept. 21/19, by the "Rambler.")

W. William Hall to Secretary

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Rev<sup>d</sup> Seal Sir

Com<sup>d</sup>. (in Cov.) Oct. 11/19

I am just returned from the  
 Timber Ground about 20 miles from our settle-  
 ment where I have been exerting to procure  
 the Arives cargo she is laying there taking  
 it in. The Ship Rambler is just leaving  
 the Bay for England. I beg you will excuse  
 this hasty note. I have with pleasure to  
 inform you that my work is all going on  
 well at St. Bealand. I have taught a  
 pair of Sawyers to Saw Timber. I have fre-  
 quently four or five pairs at work at once.  
 I have sent about 4000 Feet of 3 inch plank  
 12 inches deep to Fort Jackson to be disposed  
 of by Mr. Marden in order to assist in defraying  
 the expenses of the Station, all sawn by the  
 natives under my instructions.



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I have also a quantity of land in cultivation  
more than sufficient to support my family  
the year round with wheat, and I mean to dis-  
tribute wheat amongst the Natives with suit-  
able encouragement and instructions how  
to cultivate it, and I hope it will be attend-  
ed with the blessing of God, both for their pre-  
sent and future good.

It is with pleasure  
I have to inform you that I have received  
letters with the Tools &c. - We are frequently  
too shortly supplied with Trade on account  
of the delay the Custom makes at Obedite  
and elsewhere, but I have sometimes been  
favoured with an opportunity for supporting  
my work with a little Trade by parting with  
a few potatoes &c that I have to spare at cer-  
tain times, and my work succeeds in consequen-  
ce of it. I am sorry to add there is no School  
at present, or has been none there six months  
for the want of Trade to support it with.



But I do not mean to let my business fail  
for defects of this kind, so long as I have any  
means of promoting its success, — at the  
same time anxiously looking forward for that  
happy period when the Lord will reward all  
the labours of his faithful servants with  
blessings, and and glorify his own name in the  
salvation of the Heathen  
With yours in best Love to Mrs Pratt  
and I have the honour to be

Rev<sup>d</sup> & Dear Sir

your unworthy servant  
and labourer


Wm Hall

P.S. I have had an accident by fire which has burnt  
all my work shops and down with a quantity  
of Wheat and a great part of my Tools  
I will be glad if you can send me a brace  
and bits and a Turkey Stone



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 Dear Sir  
 Messrs Messrs  
 Church & Co  
 Salisbury Square  
 London

