

1) (copy) Sent to the Rev. S. Menden - the Rev. John Butler &c - and Mess^{rs} Kendall,

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Hall, King, and Carlisle.

Sent by Mr. Mann, passenger on board the "Regalia".

To the Rev. S. Menden C. M. House,
London, June 4/19

My Dear Sir

Since mine of the 19th Ult. to you, Letters have reached us direct from New Zealand, by the Catherine, Captain Graham. I avail myself of the present opportunity to answer them. The replies are left open, that you may read them before they are forwarded.

The business of private trading of which Mr. Carlisle speaks, the nature of which we do not fully comprehend, we would refer to you & our other friends. If some Settlers have the means of ^{pursuing} private trading to their own advantage above that of their associates, the salaries of such Settlers should be diminished in proportion. All must be brought as nearly as practicable, to an equality of advantages in proportion as they are equally industrious & worthy. It seems manifest, now that the Settlers will be much increased by the addition of those gone out in the "Baring," that some common principles, fixed in their nature & bearing equally on all, which all shall have an interest in seeing duly obeyed, should be adopted. You have turned your mind to this subject: but it seems plain that some further steps should be taken to put things on a firm footing. I copy a part of Mr. Carlisle's Letter to me: - "We wish much to have some directions from the Society respecting private Trade, as it is a real grievance: for my own part, I presume that the necessaries of life ought not, as is now the case, to be sent out of the Settlement, if wanted by individual Settlers, or to carry on the work of the Society. If they ever can be spared for the above purposes, it ought to be with the consent & for the benefit of the general body. I understand Mr. Kendall has pointed out