

Thomas Tooi to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

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My Dear Friend

Mr. Pratt

I arrived safe at Parramatta I meet my dear friend Mr. Marsden and all family well: very glad to see me. Mr. Marsden go with us to New Zealand in the American brig General Gates. I hope my countrymen will all be kind to him, same as Englishman kind to me when in England. We had a middling good passage: Capⁿ Lamb very kind sometimes. Our kei kei and water ran short towards the last: wind right in our teeth could not make land: only one and half pints water Pr. man Pr. day. I obliged to wash my face in salt water. I can say all the Commandments, and read a little about Joseph and his brethren. I remember Missionary house and all kind Gentlemen and Lady. Give my kind love to Mrs Pratt and all family, Mr. and Mrs. Bickersteth, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, and all Gentlemen in the Committee.

I go home and get my countryman help me to build a Church and houses; Mr. Marsden [f] tell me I be foreman over the work people. My young friend Charly Marsden he take my letter to you, he goes by the Surry Capⁿ Lane just going to sail. Please give my kind love to Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Eyton, Mr. King, Mr. Langley and all their familys and all kind friends. I hope all friends pray for me. I pray for you. God bless you.

From your affectionate friend

Thomas Tooi