

(Recd. Feb. 2/20, by David Allan, Esq.)

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Rev. S. Mayden to the Secy.

Per rem^d Mr. July 19th

Per? L. Dear Sir, Com^o. (in Cor.) Feb. 14/20.

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Permit me to introduce to you David Allan Esq^r who has been for some years past at the Head of the Commissioned Department in this Colony, and who has been kind enough to take charge of the Dispatches for the Society. I beg in a very particular manner to refer you to Mr Allan for every information the Society may wish relative to their Affairs in this Part of the Globe. Mr Allan went forward at the Risk of his own Life, at the time the Philanthropic Society was formed in this Colony to support that Institution, and to protect the injured and oppressed natives of the South Sea Islands, notwithstanding his high official situation as well as my own and others who were friendly towards that Institution we were compelled to relinquish it altogether — I shall leave Mr Allan to explain the Particulars, as they will shew to you

the spirit of the times, and which has not
 changed to the present Period. As far as
 can be ascertained from the Opposition to
 the measures of the Church M. Society
 the object was to annihilate the mission
 altogether. Mr. Allan is well acquainted with
 the hard struggles that have been exerted
 against, and on behalf of the mission. I am
 sorry to say, that there are persons in
 the Colony, from whom the Society
 ought to have received support, and to
 whom the Society have made particular
 Request for that purpose, who run with
 the tide. Your cause will stand, and cannot
 be overturned: as your Interest in New Zealand
 has gained too firm a Foundation. It is
 unnecessary for me to trouble you with par-
 ticulars, as Mr. Allan can do this much more
 circumstantially when you see ^{him}. The Knowledge
 he has of the Colony, from his high official
 Situation, and of the Character in it, as
 well as of the Disposition of the New
 Zealanders may be of importance to your
 humane benevolent Designs to prosper our

This Account I have very much wished Mr.
 Allen to wait upon you, which he has
 been kind enough to say he would do, and
 to communicate such Facts as he is well
 acquainted with. At this remote Distance
 it is not always prudent for me to state
 by Letter what I wish you to know, from
 the peculiar Circumstances I am placed under.
 Letters have sometimes miscarried, and I have
 known mine to fall into the Hand of my
 Enemy. On this Account it requires much caution
 to avoid Danger from this Quarter I need add no
 more, and only beg to subscribe myself your
 very sincere and much
 Obedient Friend

Rev. J. Pratt

Samuel Marsden