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Sent to Mr Thomas Kendall

Sent by the "Catherine"

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Church Missionary House,
London, July 20/19.

Dear Sir

Your Letters of the 14th, 16th & 17th of Dec last, one to Mr. Wood of Dec. 10th, & a copy of one to Mr. Marsden of the 1st of the same Month, together with the New Zealand Catechism, and the various things sent therewith by the Catherine have all reached the Society in safety. We have received also from Mr. Marsden, the Copies of the "New Zealanders's First Book."

The subject of private trade, of which you speak in your Letter, is treated in a general Letter, sent herewith.

The Committee fully concur in the Sentiments which you have expressed, that, it is only a knowledge of Jehovah as a Being of love and mercy, dispensing pardon and eternal life to sinners through the Lord Jesus Christ, that the Condition of the New Zealanders can be really improved. It is, therefore, their earnest desire that the utmost advantage should be made of imparting this knowledge to them by a simple exhibition of the doctrines of the Gospel, illustrated by a reference to the condition in which they themselves actually are, and by short and direct appeals to their consciences. Such labours, prosecuted in faith and prayer will "not be in vain in the Lord."

The similarity which you notice, between the languages of New Zealand and Otaheite, is striking, and encourages the hope that the inhabitants of Otaheite and the neighbouring Islands may, eventually, be made instrumental in propagating the Gospel among the New Zealanders.

The arrival, we trust, ere this reaches you, of the Rev. John Butler and his companions, will have shewn how necessary it is that a Chapel for Public worship and the administration of the Sacraments should be erected. The Committee are desirous that the Settlers should apply themselves to the raising of a building of suitable dimensions, and in a convenient situation, for this purpose, without delay.