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Sent to the Missionaries & Settlers at New Zealand

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(Sent by the "Catherine")

Church Missionary House,

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Dear Friends

The Committee find it necessary, in consequence of information received from various quarters, to call your attention to the subject of Private Trade. It never was intended by them that any such trade should be carried on. Inconveniences and difficulties have manifestly arisen from the want of regulations relative to trade generally, and to the distribution of supplies in the Colony. The Committee have given this subject their serious consideration. They felt it was become indispensably necessary to lay down some fixed principles, by which the conduct of all the Settlers should in future be regulated. Their decision is contained in the following Resolutions.

(See Committee Minutes p.p. 82, 83. Resolutions 1 to 9.)

The Committee cannot doubt but that all their Settlers in the Bay of Islands will perceive that the principles embodied in these Resolutions are equally calculated, if adhered to, to promote their individual comfort and the objects of the Society in placing them in their present situation. Under any circumstances, but especially under such as yours, in the midst of an uncivilized people and destitute of all human force for your protection, self-denial, concord, and firm union tend full as much to your mutual comfort as to your common welfare, and the success of the Mission. To you the exhortation of the Apostle applies with peculiar propriety: "Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth." And, doubtless, your success in bringing those among whom you dwell to a saving knowledge of Christ crucified, may be anticipated with more sanguine hopes in proportion as your own hearts are subjected to the influence