

From CMS Secretaries Josiah Pratt and Edward Bickersteth [to Samuel Marsden]

Church Missionary House,

London, Aug^t 3/19

Dear Sir

We have received your Letters of Aug^t 7th, 11th, 14th, and 15th 1818; with copies of M^r Campbell's to you of Aug^t 3^d, of yours to the Governor of Aug^t 11th, & of his to you of Aug^t 13th, and also Letters of M^r Kendall to you of March 3rd & 6th, & April 20th 1818. Capt. Welsh has likewise delivered to us your Letter to him of Aug^t 13/18, recommending Toroa & Toro to his care.

M^r Kendall has sent us two MSS, beside those which came through your hands. Our friend, professor Lee of Cambridge, has examined them, in part; and the whole are now sent to him. M^r Kendall appears to have adopted too many marks of aspiration &c. His system would puzzle the New Zealanders. The whole will require deliberate investigation; and time spent herein in the outset will probably save a great deal in the end. He has manifested great diligence and application. It is most desirable that his labours should be turned to the best account.

You will learn with much concern that Toroa and Toro are both dead. Capt Welsh informs us that Toroa was seized with a Batavia Fever, at Samarang, in October; and, though he seemed in a measure recovered, was taken off, after they left the Cape, at the latter end of April. Toro was taken ill in the beginning of May, of the Small Pox; and died at sea towards the end of the same month. These are painful dispensations. You will be confirmed hereby in your intention not to allow other natives to come to this Country. [f]

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We rejoice to hear of the friendly intercourse maintained by Captains Watson, Graham, Smith, & Swaine, with the Settlers at the Bay of Islands, and with the Natives of New Zealand. The benefits which all parties must derive from such intercourse will naturally lead to its increase.

Let us entreat you not to quit the important post which you occupy. May you, in all things, be guided & supported by our Heavenly Master!

In Letters to you of May the 8th & 12th by the "David Shaw", and of May the 19th by the "Regalia", we apprised you of the proceedings in a Committee of the House of Commons on the subject of New South Wales. Mr Buxton informs me that the Committee did not proceed further in the business before the close of the Session. Some Members who strongly reprobate Mr Campbell's conduct, would have pressed a Resolution on the subject, had it not been thought best, on all sides, to wait for the report of the Commissioner, Mr Bigg [sic], who is not a man to be tampered with or deceived. In the mean while, Mr Buxton & all your friends think it would be the wisest course, independently of those considerations which might be urged on other grounds, not to notice any insults which may be offered you. These cannot be much longer continued.

Mr J. M. Good, who is now a member of our Committee, will enclose a Letter for you in this Packet.

The publication of Archdeacon Thomas's Protest in the Sydney Gazette, will not answer the ill intention of the party concerned. That protest has been over-ruled for great good; and will still be, we doubt not, whenever it may be made known.

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The Committee greatly rejoice in the good already accomplished, and in the further prospects [f] opening before you and their labourers. They beg to assure you that they will readily cover, to the utmost of their power, all expences which it may be necessary to incur in prosecution of the Society's objects.

We pray God our Saviour graciously to bless you and all your family, and to grant us faith and patience in labouring for His Glory.

We are ever, Dear Sir,

Affectionately yours,

(Signed) Josiah Pratt

Edw^d Bickersteth