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Committee are deeply impressed with this new expression of your devotion to the real interests of that Country, and of your voluntary sacrifices of ease and comfort on its behalf.

Mr. Allan has communicated various particulars in confirmation of your reported Statements respecting the Colony. This, however, is, we believe, now so well understood in this Country, and in that quarter where a right impression is of the greatest importance, that, we apprehend, those causes which have occasioned you so much disquietude will soon cease to operate. The prospect of so favourable a change, will, we trust, not only prove an immediate relief to your mind; but induce you to remain at a Post, which opens so wide a prospect of usefulness, and where your experience and information may, with so much advantage, be brought to bear on the interests of the Gospel.

It is a subject of painful consideration to the Committee, that you should be so circumstanced as to be deprived of that Co-operation on the part of any of your Colleagues and others, in the Colony, which would, in so many ways, prove consolatory to your own mind; but they have had too long experience of your integrity in the conduct of their affairs, to feel any dissatisfaction at your not having been able to get your accounts regularly audited.

Your continued exertions to serve the Society, afford the Committee the most lively satisfaction, and call forth their warmest acknowledgments.

The Committee so strongly feel the importance of the Service to the welfare and prosperity of the Settlement at the Bay of Islands, that they are willing still to incur considerable expence in her support, assured that all practicable economy will be continued with the attainment of this object.

All the Bills of which you advise have been accepted and paid.

With our earnest prayers that you may enjoy the presence and blessing of God in your own soul, and in your ministry and labours,

We are ever,

Dear Sir,

affectionately yours,

(signed) Josiah Pratt.

Edw. Brickersteth.