

with unceasing prayer for a blessing from on high. Thus prosecuting your work, though faith and patience will probably be severely exercised, your "labour will not be in vain in the Lord"; for "as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so," saith the Lord, shall my word be, that goeth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void."

It appearing, from Mr. Hall's Journal, that efforts were made on the voyage, to instil an opinion into the minds of Tooi and Teeterree, that the English intend to possess themselves of New Zealand in the same way as they have done of New Holland, it will be important that you, and our other friends in the Settlement, should uniformly pursue such a line of conduct as may remove this impression, or prevent any injurious consequences from it.

You will, therefore most scrupulously avoid, both in word and act, every thing which would create or strengthen a suspicion in the minds of the Natives. Your own safety, as well as the success of the Mission, will perhaps not a little depend on your prudence and discretion, in allaying suspicions, which may have ^{already} been excited in their minds, and in fully possessing yourselves of their confidence and good-will.

With our Christian regards to Mrs Butler and your Son, and our prayers that you may live happily united, and experience the grace and protection of God among the people among whom you dwell,

We are
Dear Brother Butler,
Ever affectionately yours,
(signed) Josiah Pratt.
Edw. Pickerseth.