

with him and now I hope all will do well. Satan has excited all his enmity to overturn this Mission, Friends and Settlers have one way or other conspired against it. The Settlers themselves by their misconduct did all they could to overthrow it, tho' not intentionally. Those in New South Wales whose situations called them to support the Cause, were afraid to be seen countermancing the work, and others in high Stations exerted every nerve to crush it altogether. I am astonished when I take a view of all that is past, and have so long beheld, the Fire in the Bush, that the Bush has not been consumed; I therefore conclude, and I trust upon solid ground; that the work is of God, and therefore cannot be overthrown.

You will excuse this long letter. It is my duty to state the good and the bad to you. It is not necessary that all the World should know that a Missionary does not do his duty; but I think the Directors of the Mission should know - we know what human Nature is; and how few good Men ever will do what is right if left without a guide - few can govern themselves; much less can they govern other Men, and no Mission should be left without a Head - The Missionaries at Otahite have often done very wrong, yet God has blessed their labours.

I cannot omit mentioning another instance of unpardonable neglect in all the Settlers. I took over with me at the first, two Mares, and one very fine entire Horse three years old, with the hope of supplying the Island with a good breed of Horses. The Horse was worth £100 in New South Wales; the Settlers took no care of them, but suffered them for more than three years, to trespass upon the Natives' Tilled grounds; notwithstanding all their remonstrances, till at length the Natives were so exasperated that they shot them and their increase. Mr Kendall