

*Thomas Kendall to Samuel Marsden*

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Rev<sup>d</sup> and Dear Sir.

I now take my leave of you, and although it gives me much pain to reflect that any difference of opinion should exist between you and myself, and that I am not entering upon this voyage with those tokens of your approbation which would have been so desirable to me, yet I hope I shall always speak of you with kindness in whatever company it may please Divine Providence to place me.

Whether this Voyage is, or is not undertaken in a right spirit will appear from the result. If I am right I shall enjoy the blessing of God. If I am wrong I pray that he may teach me a better way. But I have a strong desire to go. The path of duty appears to me to be plain. If it pleases the Lord of his goodness to prosper me in the way in which I go, I shall have abundant reason to be thankful. I desire to look unto him in every difficulty and under every discouragement. [f]

I feel for my family & trust that I shall be conducted back to them again in safety. I would not leave them, if I had the least fear that the Natives would treat them ill. I feel for my Colleagues. Some of them may perhaps be jealous of me or displeased at my conduct towards them, but however this may be, I pray that the Almighty God may be their guide & guardian.

There are those who, as it would seem speak hard things of me behind my back. In so doing they cannot be right. I would ask them, if I could, whether they ever tell a tale to the prejudice of themselves.

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I feel also for the Situation of the Natives. I have made the Language my study night and day. If I ever am enabled, by the help of God to contribute any thing towards their eternal Interests, He shall have the Glory. I can do no good without Books & these ought to be inspected and printed in England. A School can never be carried on without books.

I can say no more at present but remain Rev<sup>d</sup> & Dear Sir

Your very faithful Servant

Tho<sup>s</sup> Kendall [f]

I have forwarded this Letter, which will shew how much I opposed Mr Kendall's return to England – Nothing but violence would have retained him in N. Zealand at that time, and which I had neither Authority nor Inclination to exercise –