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the New Englander
Rev. J. Pear

Rev. Saml. Menden to the Secy
Provincery Bay of Islands

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Feb 29th 1820

Kendall's departure for England

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I am happy to inform you that N. M. Ship Provincery anchored in the Bay of Islands on the evening of the 27th inst, soon after which the Rev. M^r Butler and the settlers, ^{were present} when I was informed that Mr Kendall was on the eve of his departure for England, and was expected to sail on the 29th. As Mr Kendall had made all his arrangements for Europe I was at a loss how to act - I must leave Mr Kendall to explain his reasons for the step he has taken - He takes charge with him - This I regret, as I should not recommend any more N. M. Settlers to be sent to Europe, as the Climate is too severe for them - Sherridge has been very kind to the settlers since they have been there - I wrote to you very

fully before I sailed for N. Zealand - Should
my letters not have arrived before Mr.
Rendall, you will not be able to judge of
the state of the mission when I arrived
in Aug. last. There has been great difficulties
in managing this settlement from the
abominable Traffic that has been carried
on - Mr. Rendall has acquired very considerable
knowledge of the Language, as well as the
confidence of the natives - I wish much
he had obtained the permission of the
Society, and the approbation of his
colleagues to visit England before he
had attempted to leave his station. I do
not feel competent to judge of the propriety
or impropriety of Mr. Rendall's conduct -
so as to warrant me in giving an opinion -
I feel for his family situated as they are.

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I beg to inform you that I finally settled
all the salaries, up to the 31st of December
and drew upon you for the same in order
that I might settle with the whole
when at N. Zealand - I am therefore indebted
to Mr Rendell for 9 months salary, which
I will thank you to pay him, and I will
give the Society credit for the same
in my next Accounts - I have not been
on Shore at the Settlement since I
arrived, having been prevented by public
business, I could not do this - or I should
have called a meeting of the Committee
and taken their opinion on Mr Rendell's
conduct in going to Europe at the present
time - He seems to think the Rev^d J
Bastler is not the Superintendent of the
whole mission, and those connected with
it - I have always considered him in that

light myself - Mr. Kendall will not acknowl-
-edge any Superior from what he stated to me
no doubt, he will state all these things to
you, when you will be able to judge
I have written these few hasty lines, as I
have not had an opportunity to have
much conversation with any of the
settlers yet - I must refer you to Mr.
Kendall for information relative to the
state of the natives &c. as he is much
better able than myself to speak upon
this subject

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir
Yours affectionately
Samuel May Jr

Rev. J. Pratt
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Feb 29/20
Rev. Saml. May Jr.
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