

murder, and oppress the weak. - when I return
to Port Jackson I intend to impress upon the
mind of the Honourable Commissioner the necessity
for Gov^t. to interfere, to prevent the whalers from
importing into the Bay of Islands such large
Quantities of muskets and Gun Powder, which
Proves very destructive to the Population; and
has a natural tendency to feed their native
warlike Spirit, and keep up the Flame of war -
All the missionaries are well, and time will cure
the evils I have hinted at. - Similar ones existed
in the Society Islands, The London missionary
Society have had many who have behaved ill. when
the Israelites came to the borders of the Promised Land
Moses commanded that twelve Princes, one from
every Tribe, should be sent to examine the good Land.
when they had performed this duty, they returned, and made
their Report to Moses. Ten of the twelve gave a false Account
of the Land of Canaan - There were only two who proved
themselves honest men - and these the Congregation were ready
to stone. If the Society get two good missionaries in every
twelve they must be satisfied. The two will succeed if no
more can be found - I have written these few lines in
haste as the Schooner will sail the first favourable morning
and this may come to hand some months before
any others with my respectful Compl^{ts} to the
Committee

Rev^d. J. Pratt -

I have the Honour to be

Dear & Rev^d. Sir

Yours obed. Servant

Samuel Marsden