

Recd July 30/21 Rev. Sam: Menden to the Secy  
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Rev. & Dear Sir Com. Aug. 13/21.

Ans. Aug. 20/21.

I feel much gratification that my political warfare is now drawing near a close. I can truly say for the last eleven years I have been in Perils in the Sea, in Perils in the wilderness, in Perils amongst the Heathens, and in Perils amongst false brethren. God has been kind and gracious to me in the midst of all Difficulties. What has given me the most real concern has been the Care of the Missions - The missionaries have sometimes behaved very ill, which has distressed my mind exceedingly - God be thanked that neither the Enemies of the Missions, nor the misconduct of the missionaries have prevented the work from going on. It is the Cause of God, and it must prosper. The Kingdoms of the Earth must become the Kingdoms of the Lord. When I combine all the Circumstances relative to the Mission to New Zealand, I cannot doubt, but the time is come for that nation to be

gathered into Christ's Fold. If you only consider the  
powers of the Kings of this Country, and the  
exercise of that power, and that yet the work  
should go on, it is wonderful - We struggled  
hardly to get out of this Colony; the way in  
which my path has been hedged up; and at the  
moment, when my leave arrived from England,  
that the Drummond & Curwenwandel should come  
out, which prevented me again from returning.  
It was also my intention to have come home  
in the Drummond, this not meeting with the  
<sup>entire</sup> approbation of the Commissioner of Enquiry  
has prevented me again - I shall now sit down  
quietly for the present - I am much relieved  
in my own mind; as the storm is now break-  
ing - I am very thankful that my way was  
hedged up twice - Had I not been on the spot  
to have vindicated my own cause; and the  
cause of both the Friend & C. M. Societies, the  
Enemy would have had great Advantage over  
all in the Examinations taken before the  
Honourable Commissioner of Enquiry - The  
Accusers could then have none to contradict  
their Accusations. God will overcome all to the

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Furtherance of his Gospel. I am determined to have  
no further difference with the Governor. I will  
put up with every inconvenience, and every  
unpleasant circumstance that may happen. He  
may do what he likes - I could not yield to the  
imposition of the Cattle with a good conscience  
as I was not acting for myself, but merely as  
an Agent - but I thought it better to suffer the  
Society to be debranded, than to go to law, after  
I had remonstrated - but it grieves me much that  
the Society should be wronged more than  
£ 80 - Government will no doubt by some  
attorneys or others make it up to the Society -  
I have in my examination before the Commissioners  
abstained from all recrimination - I had no wish  
to injure the Governor, or to say more than would  
justify my own conduct - I wish the Governor  
may get thro his Difficulties without too much  
pain - He pushed me very hard, had he been wise  
he would not have done so; I referred the Commissioners  
that I had no wish to do any thing that would hurt  
the Governor if he did not wrong me - The Judge  
Advocate behaved very ill - we had some  
warm Altercations before the Commissioners -  
I knew the Judge Advocate was in my power

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from his conduct towards me. I told him before  
 the Commission I had no wish to injure him  
 but if he compelled me to do so in any way  
 - justification I must do it. - We Judge I think will  
 not easily get over his difficulties, when his  
 public conduct comes to be investigated - with  
 respect to the state of my own mind I am easy  
 as to the issue of my cause - I have done no  
 wrong - and if I cannot make it appear  
 so now - this will appear in the morning  
 of the Resurrection of the Just - In the testimony  
 of my conscience I rejoice - If my Superiors  
 in England condemn me, from the false  
 representations of my Superiors in this  
 Country I must submit - It will not stain my  
 conscience with guilt - I feel I am in the  
 situation where God would have me be.  
 tho' like Jonah I have wished to flee from my  
 post - I have now no cause to complain, for I  
 have seen the kind Hand of Providence  
 directing all things for the best, and causing  
 the wrath of men to praise him -

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 know - my last visit to New Zealand will have prepared the way for any future Extension of the mission - I think Government will be induced to attend to these Islands, as they will be of national importance in time. N. Zealand must be dependent upon New Zealand for good timber - much more according to former Estimates would have been done for New Zealand if the Government here had been favourable I have little doubt, but when a change takes place we shall then have more attention paid to it - Interested individuals had no wish that any thing should be done for the poor Natives in the South Sea Islands, lest their crimes should be exposed, and they should not be able to plunder as they were wont to do - I studied as much as possible to conciliate the Government



afraid she would not arrive in time to  
 carry them seed wheat - Mr. Corwell was to  
 have gone at the same time but he wished  
 to remain a little longer till he had got  
 all the tools made he wanted - I much regret  
 the death of his wife - The ways of God are  
 very mysterious - I hope things will go on  
 better with the missionaries amongst them  
 - slaves - The natives behave well, but the mission-  
 -aries want an head Mr. Butler is too warm  
 and unstable - Miss Francis Hall & Henry  
 are valuable men - Very few men are to  
 be met with like Mr. Francis Hall for  
 mildness, and goodness of character -

As their internal combats increase, their union  
 will probably increase - I sometimes am inclined  
 to think the Rev. J. Butler will not remain  
 long - Mrs. Butler seems to have come out  
 against her will - and repeatedly told me  
 she would not stay - She is a violent woman  
 equally as soon angry as her husband -  
 If I had not gone over in the forenoon,  
 Mrs. Butler was then talking of returning

He told me he had been promised some situation  
in the Colony, if he would remain when he  
first arrived. Mr. B. is not aware of the  
Receipt of political men, and how anxious  
they are to catch at Opportunities to gratify  
their wishes. Painful Experience has taught me  
to be aware of them - You are sensible I have not  
been very happy under the Reign of our present  
Government; tho' I have committed no offence - I never  
at any time, under any Circumstances gave the Governor  
any just Cause of offence - yet he was offended -  
I requested the Honourable Commissioners to ask  
Gov. Macquarie what I had done - The Commissioner  
returned me the following answer - The Governor  
admits Mr. Murrays manner to him has been  
constantly civil & accommodating, and that nothing in  
his manner could provoke the Governor's wrath.  
The Governor admits Mr. Murray's Indolence,  
his Activity, and his committing Negligence as a  
Magistrate; and in Society, his cheerful Disposition  
and willingness to oblige - yet with these official  
Admissions I have not been comfortable - no more  
would Mr. Murray in such a Society if he did  
his duty - It is singular the Gov. should say so  
much in my favour, and still be so anxious to  
injure me if it was in his power -  
Rev. J. Smith  
I remain your affectionate  
Servant  
Saml. Marsden