

Rev. Saml. Mayhew to the Secy
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Rev. & Dear Sir,
Com. Dec 17/21

Ans. by "Denmark"
Dec. 1/21. —

I am happy to inform
you that Mr. Kendall with Strongee
and his Companion have arrived safe
and well. All in good spirits, and have
been kindly treated by the Master of
the *Maker*. I am anxious to forward
them to *West Greenland* as soon as
possible. The *Active* is in the River
Arctic at the present procuring
oil, and I do not expect her till about
Sep^r. I have some intention of taking
up the *West Greenland*, a Ship about
100, or 500 Tons to go to *Adelphi* or
King Pinnac's Account, if the Master
and I can come to Terms, if so I shall
agree with him to take Mr. Kendall
to *West Greenland*. This Ship can be
ready in a few days. If I can take up
the *West Greenland* wholly at *Parrace's*
Expense, without rendering the
London Missionary Society with any

material Expense shall do it immediately.
During my Absence in the West Indies a
Plan was laid, which in its Consequences
must have seriously affected the
African Mission, in a commercial
and political Sense, if not in a religious
Sense. I hope I shall be able to defeat this
Plan by taking a decided Step at once.
I feel a necessity laid upon me at the
present time to use the utmost Exertions
to counteract the Designs of interested Individ-
-uals void of Principle; and who will make
any Sacrifice to promote their temporal
Views. Mr. Parker is acquainted a little with
the Business to which I allude. As the
whole will come to a public Investigation
the London Missionary Society will be
informed in due time of the Particulars—
with respect to Religion all goes on well
in the Society Islands. The Advances of
the Inhabitants in Religion, and Civilization
are wonderful. Perhaps we shall meet
with greater Difficulties at the West Indies
from the Inhabitants living under a

Different Form of Government. Peronne
 is a Sovereign Prince - His will is a Law
 and has he has always been friendly to the
 missionaries His Authority has had great
 weight and influence in favour of the
 mission - I entertain no doubt but that
 Sedona will embrace Christianity, and become
 a much more powerful nation than the
 Akaitians - As the work is greater the
 Difficulties are greater - In such difficult
 undertakings proper men cannot be selected
 by human wisdom - Some will turn out
 unworthy Characters - Still the work,
 being of God, will go on -

I mentioned to you in a former Letter, that
 the Active is not a very proper vessel
 for the mission - He is too slow a sailer
 and hardly large enough for the
 Spence Fishery - One of 200 Tons would
 answer much better - The Active w?
 sell here I have no doubt - If the
 Society should approve of purchasing
 a more convenient vessel - I think
 of the Expenses might be covered by
 bringing out Paper and their
 Goods - The bearer of this Captains

Member, as he is generally called, would bring
her out for nothing to this Colony - It would
be a great blessing if you could meet with
a Pious Master, and a few pious Sailors
three or four - nothing would tend more
to the civilization of the natives than
being on board a ship where there was
a good Master - They are all fond of the
sea, and make good Sailors - I merely
submit these Hints to the Consideration
of the Committee - The Committee may
have some objections to what I suggest.
The Active can hardly take in a large whale
at sea, she has not sufficient Purchase - and
as it will be necessary at least for a time for
the Society to have a Vessel, and which would
be attended with too heavy an Expense unless
she made some Return; under this Consideration
the Committee may see it prudent to make
some Alteration - Mr. Member can give
the Committee any Information relative
to the Fishery as he was long a master of
a whaler on the Coast of New Zealand
I lately heard from the Bay of Islands - all the
Letters were well -

I remain
Dear Sir
Yours very affectionately
Saml. Marsden

Rev. J. Pratt

Saml. Marsden

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