

comply with their Requests, but still told them to ask me. I have never had any trouble with Applications from the New Zealanders - If I told them I could not give them what they wanted, they were satisfied with my answer. But when Mr. Kendall told them to ask me for what they wanted, they conceived he would not desire them to do so, unless it was in my Power to grant their Requests - from this alone they were dissatisfied - However we parted very warm Friends - and I hope all will go on well, and that they will in a few days be happy in the midst of their Families - - -

Mr. Curvell is still here. I have provided a Passage twice for him, but he is not gone yet - He has been lately married again - I felt much for his Affliction when he lost his first wife, and felt unwilling to press upon him his Duty - I fear he has not warmth and Activity necessary for a Missionary - However as he is now married again his wound for his former loss may be supposed to be healed, and he must soon determine what he will do - I have my doubts whether he will or not engage heartily in the work - a little time will try his Intentions - I have no objections to his marriage, but I think he should have mentioned to me his Intentions to do so, before he was married - I am afraid he has been too hasty - I think he had his Reasons for saying nothing to me upon the Subject - His Conduct has been moral and decent. He has not shown much Inclination to do any thing since he has been in the Colony, but perhaps now he may be more active -

Missionaries are very difficult to manage - and those who have the Superintendance of them, will have much trouble, and much blame whether they deserve it or not.

Rev. J. Pratt

I remain
Rev. J. Pratt's affectionate
servant
James