

Samuel Marsden to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

Novr 17th 1821 - N. S. Wales

Revd & Dear Sir,

I am happy to inform you that Sir Th^s Brisbane arrived here on the 7th Inst - I had an Interview with him the day he landed, when he renewed to me the assurance of his Countenance and Support, which he had made to the deputation in London - I feel very thankful to the Gentlemen who waited upon Sir Thomas, previous to his leaving England - As their Influence may in a great measure, if not altogether, prevent Govr. Mc from making any unfavourable impressions upon the mind of His Successor - when Sir Thomas will take the Command is uncertain, as Govr Macquarie is absent from Head Quarters at this time - I shall studiously avoid on my Part every occasion of offence; and hope for better times - The Struggle with my Superiors has been very long & painful - I should long since have escaped from this Colony if my way had not been hedged up. Whatever may be the result of the difference I have had with the Govt. as it respects myself, much [f] public Good must and will arise from it - I can truly say, I never did a single Act with an Intention to offend the Governor - tho he has done many to injure me - His public Letter, addressed to Lord Sidmouth contains the most false and slanderous Assertions respecting myself - It was my Intention to call upon him for an Explanation before he left the Colony; but as I have nothing to apprehend from Sir Thomas Brisbane, it may not be worth my while at present to take any further notice of what he hath said - but wait for the Commissioners report - He is well acquainted with the whole of my manner of Life - As I am at a great distance, and cannot tell what may be

Samuel Marsden to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

the State of things at Home, I have sent three Letters open for your Inspection, one to the Bishop of London, one to the Commissioner, and one to Mr Buxton – and shall leave it to your wisdom, and existing Circumstances to seal and forward them, or to detain them – Should you forward my Letter to the Bishop of London be good enough to send all the accompanying documents with it and the Gazette – [f] In the Gazette is Pomare's Action – men who could attempt to take such an unfair Advantage of a Savage Chief in his very first attempt to introduce himself to the civilized world are unworthy of the Christian name. I felt it my duty to step forward on behalf of Pomare, and the missionaries in the Society islands, which has also given great offence, and I must expect to be calumniated for this Act – I am in great Hopes, if the evils attempted to be done at Otaheite can be prevented, and Pomare can establish a regular Communication between Port Jackson and the Society islands, I shall be enabled to make arrangements with him to do all the necessary Buisness for the C. M. Society at New Zealand, and thro' the medium of his vessel to keep up a regular Communication with the missionary Settlements at N. Zealand, and then the Active, may be sold, and all the Trouble and Anxiety about her will be at an End – It is my Intention to close all the Society's Accounts every six months, or at least on the 31st of Dec^r every year – I have sold the [f] Active's spoil which she got at the derwent at Sydney to save Ris[q]ue, Trouble and Expence – The Vessel is now fitting out for New Zealand – and will shortly sail for that island – The Rev^d Mr Leigh has applied for a Passage for himself and wife, and Servants – I have recommended him to form his first Settlement at

Samuel Marsden to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

Mercury Bay - The Inhabitants there will receive him very kindly - and to make this his north Boundary - The C. M. Society will then have about 200 miles on the East Coast, and the same distance in the west for their operations - Mr Leigh will extend his Plan to the South of Mercury Bay - If Mr Leigh goes down in the Active the Wesleyan Society must pay a proportion of the Expense of the Vessel while employed in that Service - I am expecting the Westmoreland in from the islands when I shall write to you more fully, and transmit the Accounts -

I have the Honor to be

Revd Sir

Yours very faithfully

Sam^l Marsden

Revd J. Pratt

S[ecretary] C. M. S.