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Rev. Sir

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I received your letter in which you allude to our differences. - Allow me to say, that you must be fully aware that it is not in my power or yours to settle these differences, as they are not of a private but of a public nature, and have been refer'd to the final Decision of our Superiors in London - If the Committee of the C. M. S. believe those Charges which you have made against me, ^{to be} ~~are~~ true, they will be bound to withdraw their Confidence from me; if they do not believe them, they will make an unfavourable Impression toward you. Nothing can therefore be done in this Matter, until an answer is receiv'd to your Public Letter, forwarded by the Surrey - [In answer to your Application for different articles to be purchas'd by me at Port Jackson for the use of the Settlement at Reddeer Reddee; this I must also decline for the present, until I know what answer the Committee make to your Letter - If I have no Direction or Authority, I will have no Responsibility. As I have no Direction or Authority, I must decline all Interference for the present. You told me, in the presence of a number of Gentlemen, that you would not obey my Orders, nor would you act under me. - From that moment I had done: I had no means of enforcing Obedience, and therefore it was of no use having any Contention upon this Point; and here we parted. - You have taken all the direction, and, of course, you will take all the Responsibility. - You will be answerable for all the Stores, and their Expence, which you took from Mr. Campbell's Storehouse. - You will remember the Canvas and Cordage, were

were sent out for the Active, and not for your
Settlement. You have also taken upon you to
divide the Society's Property amongst Individuals,
which, in my opinion, should have been handed
over to the Store-keeper, agreeably to the directions
of the Committee, and served out by him as occasions
might require. The Society will expect that every
part of the Stores are accounted for in a proper
way. Every one should not be left to take his share
of the Public Property, and expend it as he thinks
proper. This was never the Intention of the
Society. If the Society should be satisfied with
what you have done in this Respect, I shall
have no cause to complain. All I mean to say
is, that if I have not the Direction, I will not
have the Responsibility: you have taken the
Direction, and you must take the Responsibility.
There is nothing now belonging to the Society in
Mr. Campbell's Stores, but a little Iron, two Ploughs,
and four Harrows. The Harrows would not sell,
because they were not Paris: you had taken Harrows
with you that were not fellows. I have desired
Mr. Hall to send those Harrows back which are
not fellows. [I also observe an Error in your Minutes,
where it is stated, I have sold the Bonnets sent
out by the Society. This I must request the
Committee to correct; for they are not sold. Upon
what Ground the Committee made this Statement
I cannot say. However, it is not correct. I have
mention'd them to Mr. Wm. Hall, and he, as well
as Mr. Kendall formerly, tells me they are not
wanted at New Zealand. However I shall
not sell them at present.

As the Missionaries have generally transferred
their

their Concerns from N. S. Wales to London, and as several of them ^{have} drawn upon the Society for their Salaries before they are due, they cannot want much from Port Jackson: if they do, they have their private Agents here to supply them - Under all the Circumstances of the Mission, I do not intend to purchase any thing for the Settlements, unless something very extraordinary occur, till I hear from the Committee & I conceive I should not be justified in doing this - I cannot check or lessen the Evils that afflict the Mission, originating wholly among ~~you~~ yourselves; and therefore withdraw from them: and as you as a Body will not be governed by any Authority here or in London, there is no alternative, but to leave you to yourselves, at the present, to do as you like. - God will, in due time, bless New Zealand with his Gospel. If the present workmen will not answer, he will find other labourers, who will. - I am not alarm'd for the final success of the Mission, tho' at present Clouds and darkness rest upon it.

The nine Bills you have drawn upon me I paid, tho' you did not indorse one of them, they were drawn in your favour and payable to your order - This is incorrect in me - I had no authority to pay them without your Indorsement.

I am
 Rev^d Sir -
 Your mo: Obedt. Serv^t
 - Sign'd - Samuel Marsden -

Present our kind
 respects to Mrs. Butler

Rev^d Mr. Butler