

Mr. Fra. Hall to the Rev. J. Mayson.

Keddee Keddee 21 Feb. 1822

My Dear Sir

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The Active being about to sail on her whaling voyage, and an opportunity so seldom offers of writing you. I take the opportunity of dropping a line by her, least an earlier conveyance, than her return to port Jackson should not present itself.

The Westmoreland came to an Anchor in Tarralea River on Wednesday the 13. Instant — The Stores are all landed — part here, and part at Ranghee Boon, with some little loss from the Staves, but much less than might be expected from the Numbers that are assembled for war — Have not had time to arrange the Stores as yet, neither have I been down to Ranghee Boon, nor to the Westmoreland, on Account of the severe indisposition of both Mr. & Mrs. Kemp — which confines me at Home — Mr. Kendall & Mr. Cowell superintended the landing of those at R. B. — & the Westmoreland's Boats, took up those for Keddee Keddee — I trust they have done the needful thus far —

I Rec'd your kind Letters of the 31 Jan'y, and 1 Feb'y and with pain and grief I learn in what

manner The Rev. J. Butler has comported himself
You have nothing to fear from him - You stand
on too high ground to be reached by his piquant shafts &
they will all recoil upon himself, and he will find it
our perhaps, when it is too late. He has returned
the same W. Butler as he was when he went. How
he means to act with respect to the stores of the
Westminster I do not know, but most likely in
his usual way - I shall oppose him as little as
possible, seeing we are likely to be so short a time
together - I do not believe that he will leave
New Zealand. May God Almighty in mercy change
his crooked disposition and make him an useful
instrument in his hands of doing good to New
Zealand. With respect to the other Rev. Gentleman
his conduct has been such since his return as would
lead us to exclaim with the Prophet "O that I
mine head were waters and mine Eyes a fountain
of Tears that I might weep night and day". May
our God might not in anger visit us with wrath
& indignation for conduct derogatory of God's Honour,
& contrary to the Christian and Missionary Character -
When I wrote you last Shugbee and a great
host had gone to Choyceah on an Expedition of

Destruction — They did all the mischief they
promised to do — Poor Enakee they killed and Eab
and Goungah his head away with them, together
with a great number of his People —

Thungree is said to have cut off a Chief's Head
and caught the blood in his hands and drank it.
Some were bound hand and foot and thrown
into the fire alive — Enakee gave them a
warmer reception than they expected. Several
chiefs of the Napoos were slain: amongst
whom was Teby, Son in Law to Thungree and
Apoos his brother — Teby we are sorry for,
he was the best behaved — most civilized, most
industrious and ingenious man we have met
with in New Zealand —

When they arrived at Home on the
21st Dec — most of the European men went
down to the point, to see the Ceremony of
their landing — but sorry, very sorry, were we
that our Curiosity led us to witness such a
Scene of Horror — A small Canoe with
the Dead Bodies of Teby and Apoos first
approached the Shore — The other war Canoes
Sprays, in all about 40 lay a short distance

from Shore — A party of young men leaped
from the different Canoes to perform the war
dance and song, usual on their return from fight.
They yelled, and jumped, and brandished their Muskets,
& other weapons of war, and the Heads of the
Chiefs, which they had killed, in the air, in a
shocking manner: but this was but a prelude
to the horrid combat which was about to take place
of which we had no idea — It rained pretty hard
as if the Heavens wept at the cruelties which had &
was about to be committed — An awful silence
ensued — At length the Canoes moved slowly and
came in contact with the Shore — when the widow
of Toby, and other women, rushed down upon the
beach in a frenzy of Rage and beat in pieces the
carved work at the head of the Canoes with a pole
They then got into a Canoe and dragged several prisoners
of war into the water and killed them with the Paddles
they row with, &c. The frantic widow then proceeded
to another Canoe and dragged out a Woman prisoner
into the Water and her brains was beat out with
a kind of Club, with which they pained from root.
we then retired from this Desolating scene as
no interference of ours, could have been of
any avail; and after we left we learn that

Shunghee killed 5 with a sword with his own hand ¹⁶⁸
and in the whole 9 persons were murdered that
day and eat by the chiefs and people - several
more killed on different days afterwards making the
number we believe above 18 that we know of

Mr. & Mrs. Kemp one day went down to
the point to see the remains of Toby placed in
the house built by Shunghee, ^{for that purpose} there was some cooked
human flesh in baskets and more cooking of
which they were invited to eat by Shunghee who
said the flesh was far better than pork -

They are now preparing a very great Expedition
to go against the people of the River Mauret
to revenge the Death of Toby & Spoo, several
hundreds have assembled here from a distance
and they and the Natives will join the different
tribes in the Bay as soon as their Canoes are
ready and will form one of the greatest
armaments which has ever taken place at
New Zealand -

Mr. & Mrs. Kemp present their respects to
you and Mrs. Massden. They would have
been glad to receive a Letter from
you if your engagements had permitted in

They are both now very ill - but work
is we hope in the mending way - Neither
of their healths are likely to remain good in
N Zealand - have not been without
Sickness in the family for several months
The Doctor of the Westwoodland Street, Mr.
Kempson is an inward Complaint which he
is likely to feel the effects of as long as
he lives - this and other circumstances - but
above all his being obliged to mend ^{his} ~~his~~
^{times} for his personal safety, which is very
contrary to his wishes - and unpleasant
to his feelings. He therefore desires to return
to his Native Land the first opportunity
by way of poor Jackson and desires to
receive your sanction to do so
please to present my best respects to Mr
Wardner and your family -

I remain
Dear Sir

Yours truly
H. Ball