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*Francis Hall to Samuel Marsden*

Kiddee Kiddee 5 April 1822

My Dear Sir

The Active has put into R[anghee] Hoo in a heavy Gale of wind – happily the Bay was under her Lee when the Gale came on – had she been a little further to the Eastward she would certainly have been lost – She has been successful, as usual, having got 20 Tons of oil and proceeds Tomorrow to her old Cruising ground where there are plenty of whales – I take the opportunity of sending a Line by her with 3 Mo[nth]<sup>s</sup> Accounts of Receipt & Expen[ditu]<sup>r</sup> of Stores &c, lest she should not again come into the bay before her departure for Port Jackson – but in the event of her doing so I shall, God willing, take my passage in her to that Port on my way to England availing myself of your kind permission to do so in your Letter of the 18 Dec<sup>r</sup> – Things are going on badly amongst us in a way which is enough to make a Christians Heart bleed – The Conduct of M<sup>r</sup> Kendall has of late been very wicked, and outrageous, he has insulted that pious and worthy M<sup>r</sup> Leigh with as much cause as he might have found to insult a [f] New born babe – He endeavoured to stir up the Natives to break down M<sup>r</sup> Halls fence and take away his property – but they would not obey him – he is living in open Sin with a Native women, and despises reproof – and seems in danger of mingling with the Heathen and learning their ways – I wrote a letter to him yesterday, but am afraid it will have no effect.

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You mention having directed M<sup>r</sup> Campbell to put the Stores on board the Westmorland under the charge of M<sup>r</sup> Cowell, but suppose there must have been some misunderstanding between you, as he did not do so. M<sup>r</sup> Campbell says “ –I Enclose you ~~you~~ [~~sic~~] have favour of sundry Articles paid for and Shipped p<sup>r</sup> Westmorland. The Articles marked B were intended for M<sup>r</sup> Butler, but if M<sup>r</sup> Marsden has made any alteration respecting them, you will know by his order. I likewise transmit for your Information, a Copy of M<sup>r</sup> Butlers receipt to me, for sending Stores shipped by the Westmorland, from the Church Missionary Investments, &c” –

The Westmorland arrived at New Zealand and came to an Anchor in Tarrents River on the 13 feb[ruar]y – The Stores were landed at both Settlements with but little loss, considering the great Number of Natives assembled at both places preparatory to going on [f] another fearful Expedition to Mogoeah &c. I did not go down to the Ship myself, for M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Kemp were at that time both dangerously Ill, and I could not possibly leave home – The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Butler laid hold of several things as his, besides those marked with a B; say 1 Bag Rice & 150 y[ar]ds flannel, Cork Hats – a Coil of Rope, Agricultural Implements, &c – We held a Committee at Kiddeekiddee. M<sup>r</sup> Butler was Ill, or pretended to be so; he however took the Chair; and it was naturally agreed, that the Stores of the Active & Westmorland should be divided equally between the 2 Settlements. All was settled Comfortably –; but in a few Days he altered his mind again, and he must

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have all his flannel or he would have none, and was very ill natured about it indeed— He has again altered his mind and sent 12 yards of said flannel to Mr Kemp & 12 to Mr Shepherd, ~~along~~ with some tea & Sugar & ~~with~~ a polite Note stating that the said Articles were for the Comfort of the Natives; and probably he may have done the same to the Settlers at Ranghee Hoo— He is unstable as water in all his ways except one— and that is, his own interests, and in this particular he is as steady and as faithful as the Needle to the North— One cannot “keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace” with him— I believe [f] he has never been at peace with me in his heart since you gave me charge of the Stores. He has vexed & tricked me so, from time to time, with his crooked, perverse, selfish, proud, vain-Glorious, overbearing, contemptible conduct that I shall be happy, very happy, when the day arrives that I shall be removed at a great distance from him. I do not think there is any probability of his leaving New Zealand soon— Whatever he may say, with respect to the Sacrifices he has made &c, I believe he is more in the money-getting way than ever he was in his life, and will not easily leave it. — May God Almighty give him a portion of that sort of Repentance & Humility which he does not seem to possess at present!— He is now red hot about a School but how long it may last I know not— He made me very angry a few Days ago, and I thought proper to write a Letter to him, wherein I spoke my mind pretty freely. I wish it may do him good— Amongst the rest I gave him a hint of His port Jackson behaviour in the following words:— “Your conduct towards Mr Marsden has been

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bad indeed: nothing like the spot [sic] of God's Children: Such as no Christian Man can hold with: I can summon no language to my aid sufficiently to shew its deformity. The Governor could no doubt smile upon you, and be exceeding happy to receive the precious documents [f] you put into his hands; but I can have no doubt would despise the man who could be guilty of such baseness as to furnish him with them: but it will all fall upon your own pate" &c &c. He has not spoken to me since— Next Monday we hold our quarterly Committee, when it is probable the two Rev<sup>d</sup> Gentlemen will take me to task for the presumption I have used in writing to them: But it is a matter of no consequence, as I found the Lord will very soon remove me from them.

On Mr Kendall's return, he began keeping a store at Ranghee Hoo, but he soon got tired of it; & the last supplies which have been received p<sup>r</sup> the Active and Westmorland, they have divided amongst them as they used to do formerly: they will now perhaps be satisfied in this particular—

Mr & Mrs Kemp present their Affectionate regards to you & Mrs Marsden & your family I join them

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My D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Yours truly

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