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Rev and Dear Sir

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We arrived at the Bay of Islands on the 22 of January last, all well. After we landed we found that the natives had returned from war, and were preparing for a second visit to the River Thames. Three weeks since more than a thousand fighting men left the Bay with Shunjee at the head of them. The Settlement suffered very little by them, upon the whole they were quiet and civil towards us all.

Mr Hall did not at first see it his duty, or his way clear to remove to Wangeroo, and Shunjee having cut off all the Inhabitants of Mercury Bay I thought it not prudent to go there. Indeed all the Brethren advised me not to think of going to any new place by myself but wished me to stay in the Settlement until some Brother comes to join me. After considering the subject for seven days, and looking at it on all sides I thought it best in this case not to go against the general opinion. Mr. W. Hall having kindly offered us his house we accepted of his kindness and have for the present taken up our lodging in it.

Shunjee objected to my going near the River Thames. He said his reason was that I should be in his way in the time of war. He has no objections to my going to Wangeroo, but strongly recommends a place which is one days journey from Wangeroo to wards the North Cape. The name of the place is Ho do do. There is a good harbor and a great number of natives. I have seen the Chief of the place and he is very desirous for me to go to reside with them after they have returned from war. Shunjee has a sister living at Ho do do. I have likewise seen a Chief from Wangeroo and he advised me not to go there until the war is ended.

2. with the people of the River Thames. However if I had a brother with me I should not fear going to either of the above mentioned places and if Mr White who is appointed to labour with me should arrive soon we will remove to some place by the first conveyance

Since I have been on the Bay of Islands Mrs Leigh and I have been very comfortable with Mr and Mrs How and considering ourselves as lodgers are quite at home. But Mr Hendell has treated us with the greatest unkindness and as I conceive with cruelty. The enclosed copy of a letter I have sent you I have received from him on which I beg leave to make some remarks

The day we landed in the Settlement we were informed that Mr Hendell had taken a newzealand girl to live with. which report I did not believe but from the first of our coming on shore to this day it hath been sounded in our ears. However we continued to worship with Mr Hendell for several sabbaths until we had full proof of the fact of the report as we can have on such a subject

The female Mr Hendell has taken is sister to Wykatter's wife and a servant of Mr Hendell and with her he continues to cohabit to this day. The following are what evidence I can give on this subject. — 1. Wykatter himself has assured me that Mr Hendell sleeps with his sister in law and observed that it was no good for Mr H. to do so. At the time Wykatter mentioned the case he was ready to weep on account of such conduct

2. Shunjee has assured me that Mr Hendell has taken this person for his second wife and observed that Mr H. said it was very good to have two wives. —

3. The Mother of the female has declared it to be a fact, and the person herself asserts that it is true that she has slept with Mr H. both in publick, and private.

4. More than ten natives have assured me that Mr Hendell has taken a newzealand woman for his wife, and that he has two wives

5. The Brother of the young woman has visited the Settlement and for the injury Mr Hendell has done to his family in polluting his sister has taken from the Settlement the two axes Mr H. had from you

6. All the Brethren except Mr Cowell believe the report to be true This I have had from them more than once

7. Mr Hendell has left his own house after Divine Service gone to the villoge on the hill and slept with the person all night more than once since we came here

8. The young woman has been assisting her friends in getting up the potatoes and for several nights has not returned to Mr Hendell's to sleep but Mr H. has fetched her to his farmery

9. Mr Butler has conversed with him on the subject and advised Mr H. to put away the female from his house Mr Hendell declares he will not

10. The first Sunday we worshipped in New Zealand several young people attended Divine Service but they have not been since. I asked them the reason why they did not come to Church on Sabbath days to which they observed "we will not come any more. Mr Hendell tells us to put away our bad hearts and take good ones but ^{Mr Hendell} ^{has} ^{cast} ^{away} ^{his} ^{good} ^{heart} and ^{is} ^{now} ^{with} ^a ^{bad} ^{one} for he has taken a New Zealand ^{heart} ^{she} ^{has} ^{now} ^{two}. We cannot believe what Mr Hendell saith in his prayers. They likewise added Mr Hendell no more a Missionary he is now one of us a New Zealand Tanyata.

In addition to the above helpful conduct of Mr Hendell he has endeavoured to raise the natives against Mr Hall and myself, had it been possible for him to affect his object we might have now been in Eternity. For nearly a whole day we were in danger of our lives. Mr Hendell has repeatedly told the natives that Mr Hall and Mr King are his Cooks that he feeds them, cloaths their children, and gives them trade

In vindication of myself I think it right to send a copy of the enclosed to The Rev. J. Pratt and to our Secretary with observations thereon

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Yours Samuel Poist

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