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Rev and Dear Sir

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The following is a copy of a letter
 I have received from Mr. Hendell.

Bay of Islands New Zealand
 March 25. 1822.

Rev Sir

There are to request you to inform
 the Secretary of the Wesleyan Missionary Society
 that the Rev. Samuel Leigh has not only settled
 himself here without obtaining leave from me
 but is assisting my Colleague Messrs Hall and
 King in forming a separate meeting, a place
 of worship during the time of Divine Service
 upon the Lands Bay. It is impossible for me
 to sanction such a measure and permit Mr Leigh
 to remain quietly in this Settlement which professes
 itself to be a Church Missionary Establishment
 being fully persuaded that he can with as much
 safety settle himself now at his appointed Station
 as I could at this seven years ago and am

Rev Sir

your obedt Serv

"Thos Hendell"

Rev Josiah Pratt

After the Brethren had full proof
 of the truth of the report respecting Mr Hendell
 Messrs Hall, King, and Cowell met together to
 consult each other on the subject and Mr Hall
 wrote Mr H., a letter which was corrected by
 the other two Brethren and sent it to Mr. Hendell
 informing him that they could no longer worship
 with him until he had either put away the
 girl or given them satisfaction that the Charge they
 made against him was not correct To this letter
 Mr H. answered in a way of defiance

not to be his judges Messrs Hall and King did not comply. Mr Cowell has since recanted

Before the Sabbath arrived Mr Hall requested me to give them a sermon on the Lords Day in his house as they did not intend to go to the school house to worship. I requested Mr Hall to excuse me for not complying with his desire, as my situation was only that of a lodger, and as Mr Hendall might take an advantage of it. Messrs Hall and King then agreed to read the prayers and a sermon themselves on Sabbath morning Mr Hall began the service by reading prayers in the house at the usual time Mr King Mrs Hall Mrs Leigh and I were present At the time Mr Hall was giving out the day of the month and the Psalms for the day Mr Hendall came in more like a roving Lion than a Messenger of the Lord and began the service again Mr King withdrew and soon after Mr Hall followed I laid down my book and kept my seat until Mr Hendall had concluded the whole service with a sermon and he had retired without saying a word

The day after Mr Hendall sent me the letter referred to In the service of the Lords day I have not taken any publick part. I have been requested several times by the Brethren of both Settlements to preach to them but have to this day refused knowing among whom I dwell.

I have heard from white men that if you come to newzealand the natives will kill you because you have prevented the missionaries from giving them muskets. But this Sir is only the report of white men I have universally found that you are highly esteemed by the Newzealanders and when I informed them you would soon be with them again they rejoiced and said it would be very good The fallen man here has done all that he can to prejudise the natives against you but they know him too well to believe what he has said to them I hope God will restore him from his fallen state and bless his course in and among the white men of Newzealanders

you and the Society have great encouragement
to go on with the mission I have not a doubt but
the Lord will give you to see the fruit of your
patience and love your sufferings have been
many on the mission account but Heaven will
be your reward There I have no doubt you will
see many New Zealanders who will run up and
call you blessed. go on dear Sir and great will be
your reward for success is sure.

Mrs Leitch gets on well in the language much
better than I do however I creep on our work is
our delight and in the midst of all we can say the
Lord is with us the God of Jacob is our refuge
and in him will we trust and fear not

Our stay here will prepare us for a
new station I cannot but think there is a
providence in placing us in this place for
a time we are gaining more knowledge of
the native and a little of the language Mr G.
Hall has been with us to day and is much
pleas'd with Mr Henderson he cannot visit him
and in ^{this} I believe he is right

The carpenters have nearly finished
with Mr Odette but we are not to have any
assistance from them Indeed you know the
subject, but how unkind however we must
do the best we can we shall have every opportunity
from Mr W. Hall indeed he has changed his
mind with respect to his stay in this settlement
he is now determined to remove but has not
at present determined on the place He is
very desirous for us to go together but you
know Sir we must be lead by providence if
we can Mr Hall would not object to go to
Wangeroo after the war was ended

I am dear and Rev Sir

Yours Samuel Leitch

Mr. Garland

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April 4/1823

Rev. Samuel Leigh
to Rev. J. Marsden.

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The Rev. J. Marsden, M.A.

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