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Rev. and Dear Sir

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with respect to what Mr Hendell charges me with in not obtaining leave from him to remain here until my brethren arrived to assist me. I acknowledge I have not made such a request, neither do I intend to ask Mr H.—

The charge Mr Hendell makes against me in assisting his colleagues in forming a separate meeting is as false as Mr Hendell is vile.

The third thing he asserts is that I can with as much safety settle myself at our appointed station as he could at this seven years since. This assertion is as full of hypocrisy as his heart is of fornication: for he himself strongly advised me before I landed my baggage not to go to any place by myself in as much as it would not be safe for me.

In addition to the above he has conducted of Mr Hendell, he has endeavoured to raise the natives against Mr Hall, and myself and had he been successful in affecting his object we might have now been in Eternity. For nearly a whole day we were in danger of our lives from the conduct of Mr Hendell.

Mr Hendell has repeatedly told the natives that Mr Hall and Mr King are his cooks, that he feeds them, clothes their children and gives them trade, and that he only is the gentleman.

I believe the New Zealanders are very capable of receiving Christian instruction and it appears to me that the Lord is now preparing a way for his gospel. The discontent of your missionaries does not arise from what they meet with from the natives, but from what is among themselves. This I have had from those who intend to leave the mission. There is no peace among themselves.

Mr Hendell has for a long time and continues to barter Muskets, and ammunition with the heathens to the great injury of the work of God, and of those who will not defile their hands with such