

Samuel Marsden to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

Parramatta Sep^r 7th 1822

Rev^d & D^r Sir/

I was not a little astonished when the Rev^d J. Butler informed me, that he and M^r Kendall had drawn upon you for one years Salary, before it was due – As I found it impossible to meet their wishes in supplying them with provisions; and had observed when at New Zealand the little attention that was paid to the Stores I judged it best for the Interest of the Society, for the Missionaries to specify what annual Sum they would each expect from the Society if they furnished themselves with every thing they wanted, and therefore desired them to state that to me, and I would submit it to your Committee for Consideration – They had no Authority from me to draw upon you for their Salaries – Many Circumstances might occur in the Course of a year which might induce the Society to think they were not entitled to their Salaries – I conceive the Rev^d T. Kendall is not upon any Christian Principles entitled to his Salary – [f] I have some reason to think that M^r Kendall had some particular motive in wishing to receive his Salary in England, and M^r B[utler] might also have. It would then be easy for them to get out, in the whalers thro' the masters or mates such Articles as the Society would not approve – No evil could arise to the mission if the Society knew what they wrote for – I was informed when in New Zealand, from good Authority, that Muskets had been purchased by the whalers (Mates or Masters) and the Stocks taken from the Barrels, and the Barrels cut shorter, so that they could smuggle them out in their Cloth-Chests; and prevent detection – the Gov[ernmen]^t not allowing them to take

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more than what were necessary for their own Protection— What were Mess^{rs} Butler's and Kendall's real motive I can not say— Nor could I obtain any satisfactory Account from him when in Sydney— I have thought proper to mention the above, because I think it was very irregular to draw their pay before it was due— [f] I have now a request to make to you relative to my Colleague's Son and Daughter who are in England, The Rev^d P. Cartwright— This Colony is very much in want of a good classical School— Mr Cartwright is very anxious that his Son should come out, if he be inclined, as he would be of infinite service to the rising Generation— he could not fail in meeting with Encouragement. If he could obtain a Gov^t Appointment it might be better— as this would give him Influence— more Clergymen are much wanted, as there are many districts without any Religious Instruction. Should he be inclined to come out, and have not the pecuniary means, I will thank you to advance him £150, or even £200, on my Account, which I will account with your Society for— or if his Sister wishes to return, you may advance £50 for her on my Account— should she require that sum— Miss Cartwright would be of great use in a Girls' School—

The Rev^d Mr Hassall is well— and promises to be a very faithful and useful Minister of the Gospel. He was married to my oldest Daughter [f] about a month ago— As they are both pious, and have for years walked in the fear of God, I hope they will be a Blessing to the Colony when my Labours are ended— Mr Hassall has not got any appointment in the Colony as yet, tho' many Situations are in want of a Clergyman— I want an assistant very much myself, but I fear Gov^t will not allow

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me one. I have three Services on the Sabbath besides Surplice duties— Parramatta is a populous district— and I am now advancing in years— However in the midst of all, good is done— A Generation is rising up to serve the Lord— It is no small satisfaction to me, when I see my Son in Law & my Daughter ready to take my Place, should I be removed— I do feel strongest Persuasion, that the poor Heathen natives scattered over the Islands in the South seas, will receive the Blessings of Salvation from this Colony— God has ordered all things well to the present time— He will still be merciful unto us & bless us, and all the Ends of the world shall fear him—

I am

Dr & Rev^d Sir

Yours affectionately

Sam^l Marsden

P.S. Please to pay to Mr C.S.

Master N^o 41 Bacon St

Church Street, Bethnal Green

£10 on my Account I mentioned

this money in a former Letter

to you.

Rev^d J. Pratt.

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