

Rev. J. Waddington to the Secretary

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You will have heard of the mis-  
conduct of the Rev. J. Waddington before this  
reaches you - when I visited N. Zealand the first  
time after the settlement was formed, I was  
convinced in my own mind that Mr. W. was then  
living in secret sins, tho' I could not prove it and  
I mentioned my suspicions to some of his  
colleagues - I believed both Cardisle and him  
were well acquainted with each others  
conduct, and on that account I believed Mr.  
Waddington had deceived me, when he recom-  
mended him so very strongly to my attention.  
I saw enough of Cardisle to remove him  
immediately from his situation; and I also saw  
the doubtful state of mind Mr. Waddington was in -  
He was petulant, haughty, and insubordinate. He w<sup>d</sup>  
not bear to be spoken to without getting into a violent  
rage - I learned he spent much time on board  
the whalers when they were in the Harb<sup>r</sup>,  
and sometimes drank too much with the  
masters - His school was peopled under a  
false pretence that he had not the means

to carry it on tho' I had been particular in sending  
him the Supplies of Rice he had applied to me for.  
At this time he had carried on much Traffick  
with the natives for Muskets and Powder  
and with the masters of vessels, and by his example  
had induced his colleagues to do the same. This had  
brought on amongst them personal Quarrels,  
to that Degree, that they did not assemble together  
even on the Sabbath for public worship. Mrs  
Randall had also been guilty of Adultery at this  
time which added to all the other evils that  
then opposed the mission when I arrived in  
the General Gates - when I saw all these things  
I was almost insane - I knew not what to do,  
or how to remedy the dreadful evils - I reprov'd  
and instructed, was angry, and kind by turns -  
As the Rev. J. Miller and his colleagues had arrived  
with me, I was in hopes that they would be  
enabled to introduce a new order of things -  
I therefore determin'd to remove Carlisle &  
Gordon, and to engage the new Missionaries  
in the most solemn manner to avoid  
those evils, that others had fallen into, and

caused the other missionaries Kendall Hall & King  
to promise faithfully that they would never  
disgrace themselves and the mission by such  
rebarbarous transactions - Rules and regulations were  
drawn up for their future guidance, and approved  
by the whole body - I knew Mr. Kendall had many  
good qualifications as a missionary, had gained  
a very considerable knowledge of the language,  
and had also gained the confidence of the  
natives, which were all of great importance  
to the success of the mission - His return now began  
to put on once more an hopeful appearance  
and I flattered myself that the concerns of the  
mission would go on better - as all had engaged  
to do their duty in their respective situations.  
we had not been long, before Mr. Putter showed  
his violent disposition - dangers now arose from  
an unexpected quarter - I was apprehensive  
that his ungovernable temper would betray  
him into some act of violence against the  
natives - I recovered with him, but to little  
purpose - no reasons however good, will  
ever change the fixed habits of men - and  
Mr. P. has continued the same to the present

as far as I know - This is a lamentable circumstance  
but, can never be remedied in 1804. I was not  
satisfied with the conduct of young Mr. Miller,  
and as his father had no Authority over him;  
I saw great danger from this young man,  
from the intercourse he had with the natives.  
and that it was absolutely necessary to take  
him back with me to Fort Jackson to prevent  
his own ruin and the consequences that would  
follow - As a number of Chiefs were  
returning with me, I thought he would  
be of infinite advantage to the youths who  
would live in my house - he might devote  
himself to the N. Zealand Language while  
at Parvannatta, and also that I could be of  
great service to him in improving his mind  
and giving him instructions for his conduct  
both in civil and savage society - He was a  
very uncultivated young man, had been  
entirely spoiled by his Parents; and under  
to subjection - After settling all the affairs  
of the mission, and reconciling all  
parties, I took my leave of the missionaries

2. Being with me Carlisle, Gordon & young  
Mr. Miller - I had every confidence in Mr.  
Francis Hall, he is a just man, and one that  
feareth God - I had no doubt, but Mr. & Mrs.  
Gump would do their duty, & Mr. & Mrs. Gump  
Hall - William Hall had erred, but he promised  
to err no more - On the Rev. J. Butler &  
Rendall I could not depend - one I was afraid  
would commit fornication, and the other  
would endanger the mission by his violent  
zeal - when I returned again in the Evening  
to N. Scotland, I found all in confusion - The  
Rev. J. Miller had entered into the same spirit  
with Mr. Rendall of bartering muskets and  
Ammunition with the natives &c. Mr. Rendall  
was embarking for England, and nothing but  
alarm and guilt and confusion prevailed.  
Some had not polluted their hands with these  
rebarbarous transactions, but had stood their  
ground like Christians, at the same time  
they were in deep distress for the evils  
which they could not remedy - I now  
remonstrated with Mr. Rendall upon the  
impropriety of his going to England

urged him to wait for the Society's Permission  
before he took such a step, and not leave his  
wife and Children exposed to danger as he  
would be if he left them - no Arguments had  
any weight with him. I then sat down &  
wrote to the Society, and gave it to Mr.  
Rendall - which Letter I was informed was  
thrown over board at sea, after been read  
and explained to Shungsee in Mr. Rendall's own  
way - in order to exasperate Shungsee against  
me - Shungsee told me of this Letter when  
he returned to Port Jackson - As you never  
mentioned receiving this Letter I concluded  
my Information was correct - I attended upon  
Captain Munro in his dying bed at Port  
Jackson (the Gentleman, with whom Mr.  
Rendall returned to England) after he came out  
a second time to these Seas - Munro gave  
me a very unfavourable Account of Mr.  
Rendall's Conduct on board his Ship - After  
Mr. Rendall arrived again at Port Jackson  
I saw he was the same man; and that  
no dependance could be placed upon his  
Promises - we had some very unpleasant

Differences from his determination to traffic in  
muskets & powder - which laid the foundation  
for a quarrel between Captain Irvine and me.  
and Captain Irvine has never spoken to me  
since; tho' I gave him no just cause of offence.  
Mr. Kendall has been a man of sedentary habits, too fond  
of ardent spirits, and high living, I mean eating  
much animal food - These have not tended  
to mortify the lusts of the flesh - and to  
keep the body in subjection - I apprehend from  
these and other causes he has long since  
fallen into the sin of fornication, which has  
led to all his other misconduct - He is an  
unhappy man, when he has slept by me  
in the woods in N. Scotland, his mind has been  
wretched - I have seldom seen a more  
unhappy creature - I have often from his mis-  
conduct been distressed above measure, and at a  
loss what to do - He would take no advice, he  
would be under no subordination, but would follow  
his own will - when I received full evidence  
of his living in fornication I then immediately  
found it my duty to suspend him until

the Measure of the Society is known, a Copy  
of my Letter to him I forward by this  
Conveyance - I have received no answer from  
him as yet what Step he will take I know  
not - His Fall is matter of the most painful  
Regret to me, and has caused me much Distress  
particularly on account of the mischief -  
He has often misrepresented my Conduct toward  
him in not supporting him - but there is no  
meeting the wishes of a man who labours  
under a guilty Conscience, and who is a  
Slave to his fleshly Lusts - He is dissatisfied  
with himself, and with all around him -  
I have just given you a short Sketch of what  
has taken place - you will be more particular-  
ly informed by the minutes of the Committee,  
I need add no more on this painful  
Subject than forward to you the different Letters I  
have received from New Zealand - All will be well if the  
Charges would do their Duty -

Wm. G. Pratt  
p. l. b.

I remain  
Yours affectionately  
Sam. Marsden