

Rev. Saml. Marsden to the Secretary

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~~Rev. Sir~~

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Ans. Feb. 14/23. This will be delivered to you by Mr William Hall's Son, whom he has sent to England for his Education - I have drawn upon you for his Passage agreeable to his Father's Instructions, which Son will be charged to his Father's Salary - He is a fine promising Boy, has been at Parramatta almost two Years - Mr Hall requests his Son may be sent down to Cambridge to his Friend the Rev. John Parcell, who will provide a Situation for him in some School - His Father was with me from New Zealand very lately, and returned in a whaler - His Father has been a very laborious man in New Zealand, and his moral conduct unimpeachable - He has labored hard in the work, and endured many privations

He is naturally of a very strong persevering mind
and very prudent in his conduct - He fell
into the Temptation of bartering Muskets and
Powder for a time - but I believe he will never
more violate the Instructions of the Society
in this respect. He had strong Inducements
to follow the Example of his Colleagues, as
no Arguments would prevail with Mr. Kendall
to leave it off - The Difficulties that have arisen
in this mission have chiefly originated with
the missionaries - The Natives have always
behaved much better than Savages could
be expected to do - I have no doubt but they
will become a civilized nation in due time -
God will deliver them from the Power of
the Prince of this world, and they shall see
his Salvation - The way is open, if Labourers
can only be procured fit for the work and
God will find these, and send them forth
when he sees meet - we must not sow and expect
to reap the same day - when God shall pour out

his Spirit upon the Inhabitants of New Zealand, then
his word will have effect - in order that you may
know the real state of things I have judged it meet
to send you several letters which I have received
from which you will be able to judge for yourself -
I greatly lament the evils - but there do not make
me despair - I know the people are ready, and
prepared for the Gospel - yet they may receive it
in a different way from what we calculate
upon. you have some very pious missionaries
whom the Lord will bless. Francis Hall is one of
the excellent ones of the Earth - Mrs. & Mr. Hensh
are very valuable in their station, and so are Mr.
& Mrs. William Hall - Mr. Shephard is a young man
of great natural Abilities - sound Piety, a love for
the poor Heathen, tho' he has not had the advantage
of Education, being the son of a pious Convert
a man who has walked in the Year and five
of God for twenty years in this Colony - Mr.
Shephard has great Capacity for acquiring the
Language, and will make himself master of
it; and will speak it well. He is far superior
to any of the others in this respect -

You will see what Mr. Shephard says of Mr. S. Muller's
Conduct. He is at present at Parvannattu intending to
marry if he can meet with a young woman. He
Does not live with me as formerly - His Father behaved
to improperly when I took him before, that I would
not admit him into my House as an inmate again -
His Father would not allow any part of his son's salary
to go towards his support, tho he lived at my table
like a gentleman and treated as one of my Family
I never would have taken him, but in hopes of cultivating
his mind, and preparing him for his work, and
keeping him, until he was clear from becoming
improper intercourse with the native women,
and guarding him against the snares of youth.
I much fear he is too far gone ever to be of much
use in N. Zealand, should his Father remain there.
I have sent you Mr. Leigh's letters - I believe he is a
valuable man, and will be a great stay to the
Cause of God when he is settled in his own Station.
The Rev. Mr. White has arrived, and will join
him the first opportunity - Mr. Leigh always
laboured hard, and prudently in this Colony
as a missionary, and was much esteemed by
all my Colleagues who fear God
Rev. J. Cratt & Co. Yours most affectionately
S. Muller