

The Deputatⁿ of the London Missⁿ Soc^y to Rev. ~~John~~ ^{S. H. Mappden} ~~Hendall~~. (Copy)
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Kuahine Oct. 26 - 1822

Com. Aug. 7/23
Rev. Dear Sir

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Though more than a Twelvemonth has elapsed since our arrival at the Society Islands, and one or two Ships have sailed from thence to the Leeward within that period, yet we have to regret, that no opportunity has been given us till now of doing ourselves the pleasure of writing you. You have been apprised we doubt not that we have the honour of visiting these Islands on a deputation from the London Missionary Society. We sailed from England in May 1821 and after a Voyage of only four months and four days, through a kind providence, we landed on the Shores of Tahiti in safety and in health. After remaining a few Weeks on that Island, we proceeded to Kuahine, where we commenced our important undertaking, with an intention after we have visited the different Missionary Stations in the Leeward Islands, of returning again to the Windward, to Tahiti and Eimeo. While here, in February 1822, the Mermaid Cutter, Cap. Kent, arrived with a Schooner as a present from the British Government to the King of Owhyhee, when an opportunity was given us of visiting the Sandwich Islands on our way to the Marquesas, where we intended to leave some natives of this Island to attempt to introduce the Gospel among them, and prepare the way for some Missionaries who we hoped, might soon follow. (Such was our arrangement; but God had other designs to answer by our visit to Owhyhee. We arrived there in the month of April. The King being then at the Island of Wahoo (properly called Oahu) we proceeded thither, where we met with the kindest reception from his Majesty, and also from the