

even these persons attend generally, the public ordinances of Religion, and keep up family prayer in their Houses. Some Ships, we hear, have lately touched at Tahiti, and have done much harm by vending Spirituous Liquors among the people in some places there. Indeed from the commencement of this Mission to the present time, the greatest difficulties have arisen from the presence and influence of our own Countrymen. But we shall not now enter into detail — that we shall reserve till we have the pleasure of seeing you. This pleasure we anticipate after we have completed our visits to all these Islands which have embraced the Gospel.

To you Dear Sir, the London Missionary Society, and the Missionaries here, are indebted beyond what it is in their power to express. In you we have ever found a steady friend to the Mission. Had not Providence stationed you in N. S. Wales and inclined your heart to take a lively interest in its welfare, long ago, it most probably, must have been abandoned and these Islands must have remained in a state of Heathenism. In proceeding in your good work, we are aware you have had to encounter difficulties not a few — but what has been done cannot but afford a satisfaction to your mind, more than equal to all the trials which you have met with in supporting this cause. We unite with the Society at Home in the most cordial expressions of gratitude — & we can assure you that our Brethren the Missionaries are most deeply sensible of their obligations to you, whom they regard as their warm and steady friend. May the Most High compensate you in a way which it is not in our power to do.

Since commencing this Letter, we have