

had the pleasure of receiving a Letter from you by Mr Williams, for which we thank you. We are aware of the difficulties which you have to encounter both in the Colony and in New Zealand — but rejoice to hear that both you and the cause of Missions are likely to find a friend in Sir Tho. Brisbane, to whom we are greatly obliged for his kind attentions to Mr Williams, and his friendly expressions towards this Mission.

We are greatly astonished at the mistake which has taken place with reference to the Missionaries here, by a letter from Mr Hawkey to you, forbidding supplies to be forwarded to them from the Colony. The Missionaries were put upon a new plan from the first of January 1821 from which time they were to be allowed regular salaries, and consequently they had a right to order what they thought proper at the Colony, or elsewhere, on their own responsibility, and the Society had no right to interfere. The goods which we brought out from England were a present from the Society to the Missionaries completely independent of their salaries — but to hear that you had received Letters from England forbidding supplies to be sent, and saying that ample supplies for the year had been sent by us, fills us with an astonishment which we cannot express. However we are fully assured that it is a mistake on the part of the writer of such Letters — and conceive that he only meant to say, that as the Missionaries were now put upon a new plan, Supplies must be sent them not on the responsibility of the Society, but on their own responsibility. All the Missionaries here have a full right to draw upon the Society for their salaries, in the course of the year, in what way they think proper — & such Bills will always be punctually honoured.

We suppose that you have been requested by the Treasurer, or Secretary, of the London Missionary