

Society, to charter a Comfortable Vessel to fetch us from hence to the Colony, by about next May (1823). — should there be no such vessel here to your knowledge about that time. by virtue of our agreement with the Society, a vessel was to be sent for us two years after we left England which was in May 1821. However as our unexpected voyage to Owhyhee took up seven months, we shall not be able to complete our visit to these Islands till about this time Twelve months.

We hope other opportunities of writing you will offer before then — but should they not — & should you know of no Ship here about Nov<sup>r</sup> or Dec<sup>r</sup> 1823 (we are not particular as to a month or two) you will have the goodness to engage a vessel to fetch us at that time. — As we may wish to detain her to carry us to other Islands, it will be advisable to agree with the Captain or owner, for so much of week, during the time we may detain the vessel for such purposes after her arrival here.

To the Captain of the Mermaid Cutter  
Cap<sup>t</sup>. Kent, we feel ourselves greatly obliged for his kindness in giving us a passage on board that vessel to the Sandwich Islands, and back again, and for his obliging conduct towards us while on the voyage. Should you feel at liberty to speak a good word for him to his Excellency the Governor, we should feel a favour conferred upon ourselves. We feel that an apology is due from us on taking such a liberty — but we feel assured that you will pardon our freedom. We are anxious if possible in some way, or other to compensate the Captain for his many civilities — Sir T. Brisbane will have it in his power to place him in a situation superior to that which he now occupies, and for which we doubt not he possesses Talents & Principles worthy of Confidence.

Whenever opportunities offer of