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Rev<sup>d</sup> Dear Sir Ans<sup>d</sup> May 22/23.

Rec<sup>d</sup> May 10/23  
Comp<sup>d</sup> May 17/23.

Thos<sup>d</sup> Lottery wrote to enquire the  
 Whalley, yet as Captain King of the R. N. who has  
 been surveying the Coast of New Holland, I drop  
 you a line by him. A number of Stoves have  
 arrived in one of the late Ships for New Zealand,  
 but no Letters or other Documents with them  
 excepting the Customs-House Papers, stating the  
 Number of Packages - I fear the Letters and  
 Invoice are in some of the Cases, and that I  
 shall not receive them for a long time if they  
 go to New Zealand - All the Goods are now in  
 Mr. Campbell's Stoves, where they must remain  
 for the present. I have advertised the Active for  
 Sale - I am in Hopes that the Queen Charlotte  
 which was purchased for the late Pomare, King  
 of Otaheite, will be able to do the necessary  
 Service for N. Zealand - unless some Accident  
 happens to her - The High Court of Appeal finally  
 confirmed the Verdict of the Supreme Court  
 in favour of the late Pomare, this week, which  
 will give the natives of the South Sea Islands  
 a great Idea of British Justice - The Action was for  
 reparations of £1,200 against Mr. Cayer, who  
 lately came to England - This Cause has been

more than 12 months in Court. I have heard  
nothing from Mr. Sedland since I wrote last—  
I should recommend no more stores to be  
sent out, until I know how they are going on,  
and what the intentions of the missionaries are.  
I am happy to say Sir Wm. Brisbane will believe the  
Cause of missions generally, and will throw no  
difficulties in the way— Tho' he is kind and  
friendly the Spirit of Opposition is very bitter  
in this Colony amongst some of the higher  
Order, who would be thought otherwise. The  
Secretary of our corresponding Committee was a  
very dangerous man; and very bitter— I could  
not have believed, unless I had seen it, that such  
a wicked spirit could have shewn itself in any  
man professing Godliness— I think Mr. Wendell  
did him much injury, and poisoned his mind with  
false statements— All I wish from you is, that I may  
know what my Accusers say if they charge me with  
doing any thing injurious to the Interest of the  
mission; or with making any improper appro-  
-priation of the Societys Stores committed to my  
Care— Captain Irvine said much, when I exchanged  
some Iron which was not wanted, for some  
Axes that were wanted— The Iron sold very high  
and the Axes very cheap— We bar Iron for 6  
pence, & the Axes at 8 pence—

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you will bind both these Articles, the former credited and  
the latter changed in the Account - I shall be always  
ready to give an Account of my Stewardship when  
ever I am required to do so - Captain Irvine wrote  
to one of my Colleagues, as if the Iron was sold and  
the money improperly appropriated. This was  
such a Letter as would have made Capt. Irvine  
look very foolish had it been laid before a  
Court of Justice - He has wished this Letter returned,  
but I do not deem it prudent for him to have  
it - He upon inquiry finds he was wrong; but the  
keeping this Letter may be a warning to him  
in future and make him more liberal in his  
Opinions, and careful in his writings - I am perfectly  
easy in my mind what the world may say, or  
think of my Conduct with respect to the Missions.  
I love the Cause, and will not injure it - I am  
aware Reports may reach you which might  
cause suspicion, from the malicious and Probable,  
and more especially from false Brothers - The  
Enemies of the Cause have never proved one single  
improper Act of mine in the Concerns of the  
Missions to this day - and I trust they never will -  
You will learn I am out of the Magistracy again -  
Captain King can explain the Cause as he was  
on the Spot - This will make some noise at  
Home with those in Authority - I am on  
good Terms with the Governor, who has always  
been very attentive to me, for which I am

thankful. I shall not enter into particulars; suffice it to  
say it will turn out for good in the End. I am  
sorry to say Dr. Angless has disappointed me much  
in the opinion I had formed of him - Missionaries will  
surely find them out - I need say nothing respecting the  
misnomers of the Islands of St. Paul and - you will  
have from their own letters all the information  
I could give - The Cause will go on, in spite of  
Satan and all his Agents - I think I mentioned, we  
had several new Seabirds at Parramatta -  
They are coming at all opportunities, by which  
means they gradually learn our language,  
and become acquainted with our Manners -  
Should a favourable opportunity offer I purpose  
to visit them again in St. Paul and - and to see  
what they are doing - No some of the present  
missionaries are very improper Persons for the  
work, yet they are such as Divine Providence  
has thought proper to employ for some good  
End which we may not see at present - The  
wheat and Pars both grow together - The Husband-  
man grieves to see the Pars, but he cannot help it -  
The mischief is Gods Cause, and he will take care of  
it - I have requested Captain King to call upon you  
he will give you any information in his power -  
I have to thank the Society for the Rev. C. Sinners  
works - A more acceptable present I could not have  
received - I am yours affectionately  
Rev. J. Prall  
S. Marsden