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Rev. & Dear Sir

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This will be delivered to you
by Mr. Francis Hall should be arrive safe
He requested my permission to return to England
which request I could not refuse - tho' I much regret
the loss of so valuable a Christian to the mission.
Mr. Hall's conduct has been uniform and
becoming his Christian character; and ^{has} been
a great check and stay to the other missionaries.
His return I hope will answer some valuable
purpose - The Society may rely with confidence
upon the information he may communicate
to them. In consequence of Mr. Hall's return, it
will not be necessary for me to make many
remarks upon the conduct of the other
missionaries - however I shall take the liberty
to make a few. I am of opinion that the Rev.
Mr. Kendall will never recover himself out
of the snare of the Devil, while he remains
in N. Zealand. I lament his fall, but it has
not been sudden - He never could have
acted as he has done, both before his
visit to England, and since his return
unless he had been under the government
of unwholy passions. His conduct was

was extremely improper when in Port Jackson;
and nothing has happened at St. Helena, but
what I was prepared to expect. I only wonder
that he was not murdered by the other Testers -
The young woman he cohabited with, is set
apart for a Chief's wife, and I am astonished
that he did not take vengeance upon her.
I have already said Mr. Kendall's Fall was not
sudden - I am strongly inclined to think, that
some of his evil Habits are confirmed. He
yields too much also, to his thirst for ardent
Spirits - This is an Habit I fear he will never
lay aside. So long as he indulges himself in
this Sin, there is no Hope of his recovery. I
am sorry to be compelled to mention these
things, but I feel it my Duty to do this, in
order that the Society may form an Opinion
of his real State of mind - I do not place
any more Confidence in what he says
than I should in any other man who was
guilty of the same Sin. In his more serious
moments I have no doubt, but he mourns
over his cruel Fall; but he is a man now
without Strength. In St. Helena the same
Temptations will occur again, and into them
he will fall again - His vows and Promises
are only like a spiders web, when they have

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to oppose the Power of unsubsided Lusts —
I have sometimes apprehended that Satan would
move him to overturn the whole mission.
no doubt he could do much evil from his
influence with the natives thro Powder and
Muskets — but I believe the work is of God,
and therefore can not be overthrown. I sent
you a copy of my letter to him, when I respende
him, and told him that I should withdraw my
Countenance and support from him. You
will not mistake my meaning in this — I
did not intend to leave his Ministry to want
He had informed me, that he had drawn
upon the Society for one year's Salary
before this. All I intended was, that I would no
longer acknowledge him as a missionary,
while living in open Fornication or Drunkenness,
until the Society's Pleasure was known.
His Fall is a most painful Circumstance —
However I have no doubt, but the mission
will prosper, and that God will raise up
others to fill the ranks of those who retire
from the work. I beg to refer you to Mr. Hall
for further Information relative to Mr. Kendall.
with respect to the Rev. J. Butler I shall make
no observations upon him — His Habits are
fixed, and he will remain the same year.
Mr. Kemp & Shepherd give me great Pleasure.
They are missionaries of the right sort —

and God will prosper their labours. Mr. Prussia's
Hall will inform you how they go on. I have
sent you Mr. Shephard's Journal, which will give
you some information. He is a young man
devoted to the cause; and will soon speak
the language well. He possesses very consider-
able natural abilities, but wants
Education - He is the son of a poor pious
man, and has had to work for his bread
from a child. I have no doubt, but he will
be a complete master of the language, tho'
he will not be able to prepare it for the
press for want of Education. Perhaps a
man of learning may in time perform
that task. when I consider what great public
Evils existed amongst the first missionaries
who were sent out to the Society Islands, and
what a deal of vexation and trouble I had
with some of them, and that after all God
should in so wonderful a manner bless
the labours of a few, I am encouraged to
hope the same blessing will attend this
mission - whenever the Deputation
now in the Society Islands make their
public report, it will be found that the
work of God has far exceeded all accounts
that have been forwarded to England to this
day. we may expect the same blessing in
due time - I am Dr. Rev. Sir
Rev. J. Pratt - with much esteem yours
Saml. Manders