

Samuel Marsden to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

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Rev^d & Dear Sir/

I have the Pleasure to inform you that M^r & M^{rs} Clark arrived here a few months ago— They are very promising young People— I have deemed it prudent for the present to detain them in the Colony until things in N. Zealand are a little more settled— when remonstrating with M^r Kendall on the Impropriety of his Conduct in bartering muskets with the Natives, he attempted to justify the measure by informing me that the Society was going to send out to Shunghee a Gun Smith named M^r Clark— I told him M^r Clark would not be allowed to come to N. Zealand upon those Terms, for I should retain him in the Colony— I am persuaded it will be better for the present to keep him here until I write to N. Zealand, and inform M^r Kendall and Shunghee that M^r Clark must not come to N. Zealand, if they expect him to be employed in making muskets— It will be better to settle this Point with them while M^r Clark is here. I have put him in Charge of the Native Institution from the first of January where he is usefully employed, and will be no Expense to the Society while he remains in that Situation— I beg to refer you to M^r Francis [f] Hall for further Information about M^r & M^{rs} Clark. Tho' there are and have been great difficulties in the Mission at N. Zealand, yet time will remove them. They will daily diminish, and I think the worst is over— I wish M^r Francis Hall would be prevailed upon to return to take Charge of all the Stores and to manage the secular Interests of the Society— He is so excellent a Character, he

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could not be more usefully employed – Should the Rev^d Mr Williams come out it is my present Intention to fix him, and Mr & Mrs Clark with another tribe at some distance from the present Missionaries – I purpose also to direct Mr William Hall to accompany them – Mr Kendall & Mr Hall will never be happy together [sic] – Their private Feelings towards each other are so very unchristianlike – what Mr Kendall means to do I know not – he has not written to me – His Situation is very awful. I have not time to write much as I am going off this morning to the Derwent – Should a suitable Person be met with to fill Mr Clarks present Situation at the Native Institution it would be well to send him out as soon as possible – Whoever comes must be a married man –

With Respect to Mr Shepherd, you will see what progress he is making in the Language [f] from the Document Mr Hall brings with him – He will do much in the Mission, as his whole Heart is set upon it – Mr Kemp unites with him, so that they will mutually assist each other – Perhaps I may write from the Derwent more particularly when I have a few moments to spare –

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Dr & Rev^d Sir

Yours affectionately

Samuel Marsden

Rev^d J. Pratt

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P.S.

I received the two Chiefs by the Fame they have lived with me ever since their arrival and have behaved well – Shall forward them to Owhyhee in a few days, in a vessel belonging to the Missionaries and Chiefs of the Society Islands – You will learn from other reports what the Deputation are doing in the Islands –