

For your letter per 15<sup>th</sup> 1823

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Rec'd July 17/23

Rev. & Dear Sir!

Com. Aug. 7/23.

Ans. Nov. 19/23

That Mr. & Mrs. 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 this Colony, until things in N. Scotland are a little more settled - (when remonstrating with Mr. Rendell 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 Mr. Clark - I told him Mr. Clark would not be allowed to come to N. Scotland upon those terms, for I should retain him in the Colony - I was persuaded it will be better for the present to keep him here until I write to N. Scotland, and inform Mr. Rendell and Shunghee that Mr. Clark must not come to N. Scotland, if they expect him to be employed in making muskets - It will be better to settle this point with them while Mr. 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 on that situation - I beg to refer you to Mr. Francis