

Robert Town New Orleans
Land. March. 12th

Rev. I Dear Sir

Com. Sep. 11/23

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I am happy to inform you

that the Rev. Mr. Williams arrived here on the 10th
of the last month - I had landed at Robert Town
a few days before. I saw very little of Mr. Williams
as I was obliged to leave Robert Town early the
morning after Mr. Williams came in, to set off
for Port Jackson 160 miles from hence.
I gave him a letter to Mrs. Mansder, to receive
him & family into my house until my
return; and gave Directions for his baggage
to be taken care of - I found on my return
Mr. Williams had sailed for Port Jackson - I
should have been glad to have accompanied
him, had it been possible for me to have done
my public Duty in time - I had between 300 &
400 miles to travel, in visiting all the different
Settlements, in order to consecrate burial grounds
and to enquire into the moral state of
the inhabitants - much is wanted to be

Done in this Island. The state of morals is
very low. The Rev. Mr. G. Ingham has no sense of
Religion, but very much to the contrary. The Rev. Mr.
Bedford is appointed to New Diemens Land. I hope the
Inhabitants will now hear the Gospel in some part
of the Island. A number of Clergymen are wanted
As the whole of the interior for 160 miles is left
without the means of Grace. I wrote to the
Lieut. Governor yesterday soliciting him to make
Application to His Majestys Ministers for four
more ministers to be appointed immediately,
and I have little doubt, but he will attend to my
request. I should greatly rejoice if Divine Goodness
should so overrule the minds of those in Authority
so as to send out pious men. We have not been very
fortunate in some sent out to Port Jackson.
(I received your letters for myself & the missionaries
by Mr. Williams, but cannot reply to them at
Present. As I have never ^{Done} any thing but acts of Kindness
to the Rev. J. Butler, and perhaps have spared him, when
I ought not to have done, I shall be very willing to
bury in oblivion the Remembrance of what is past.

my only wish is to promote the great Cause of the
 Kingdom of our blessed Lord - [I have no doubt, but that in
 Ten years will become the Inhabitant of Christ in
 time - I allow great difficulties have opposed themselves
 to the work - The missionaries in many Instances have
 not done their duty - I do not include all in this observation
 because some of them have acted faithfully; and have
 had to bear the insults, and Persecutions of their
 Colleagues; together with the savage Conduct of the
 natives - I believe the natives have never given their
 Cause as increasing to the faithful missionary as
~~that~~ the missionaries have to one another I hope
 now the worst is past - You will have learned that I had
 on proof of the Rev. Mr. Kendall's Conduct, suspended him
 until the Pleasure of the Society was known -
 no man can torment his Well more than I do -
 I had long suspected he was in a declining State.
 I could do nothing with him, he was so self-willed - He
 would take no advice, nor would do any thing but
 what he pleased - on my return to Sydney I
 will have some conversation with Sir W. Brisbane
 about him, and provide for him if I can a situation
 in some retired District, if he will accept my
 services - I never authorized any of the missionaries

to draw for their salary - Some of them were never
satisfied with what were allowed them. Mr. Butler
was very discontented, said he had given up a
situation of about £100 per annum, and that he would
not serve the Society on the terms he was then upon.
neither their salaries nor their patrons satisfied some
of them - In my opinion I thought they were amply
supplied; but as they did not think so, I recom-
-mended them to write to the Society and to inform
the Society what their wishes were - I was much
astonished when I learned that the Rev. Mr. Butler &
Rendall had drawn for a sum upon the Society
before their salaries were due - I told Mr. Butler
their bills would not be paid - If Mr. Butler & Rendall
had acted properly many evils w^o have been prevented.
Mr. Francis Hall will give you every information on
all the Affairs of the mission - I hope he will return
to the work - He is a pious good man, and loves the
Cause - His feelings have been severely wounded
by the conduct of some of his colleagues; and his
Spirits were broke - I hope I shall be able to go
over to N. Zealand when Mr. Williams goes - but I
am not certain - I wish to heal all Breaches, and
to put the mission once more on a good

good looking. Mr. Williams appears a well informed
 man, and mild in his manner, which will
 make him very acceptable to the natives -
 I shall leave this by the first opportunity as my
 public business is done - (I hope the way is now
 prepared for some good here since I wrote
 the above, I have received an answer from the
 Lieut. Governor Lovell to my letter to him
 relative to the appointment of four more
 Chaplains for New Denmark Land - The Lieut
 Govt. promises to use all his influence with
 his Majesty's Government to have some
 Clergyman sent out, as well as schoolmasters -
 If it was possible to learn from the Colonial
 office what determination His Majesty's ministers
 came to on the receipt of Lieut. Lovell's appli-
 cation, and could by any means get funds over-
 nominated to this Island much good would
 be done in this abandoned Society - The Gospel
 cannot be wanted in any place more than
 here

I was in Court last week when 16 men
were sentenced to suffer death for different
Crimes - Crimes will continue to be committed
until the Power of the Gospel is felt - The
Gospel has never been preached in the Church
at Newport Town before I came down with
Mr. Bedford - I have not time to send you a
Copy of my Letter to Col. Sewell and his
Answer - Perhaps I may after my arrival
in Sydney & show the State of this Society I
need only mention, that in my visits thro
this Country the magistrates and Gentlemen
various, stated to me that twenty Thousand
Sheep have been stolen this last year from
different Individuals - This appears incredible
but Col.^r Wood and others assured me this was a
fact - A Gospel minister here would be the
greatest blessing - and I hope Interest may
be made by those in Power to get the same

It will be some time before the Lieut. Gov.
makes application perhaps three or four
months after you receive this - I have mentioned
it in hopes something may be done if
opportunity offer -

I shall not trouble you at present with any obser-
vations upon Captain Forvies conduct, further
than to remark, that he is a very extraordinary
man. I shall be prepared at any moment should I
be called upon, to answer any Charges he may
allege against me - when I know what I am ac-
cused, it will be time enough to make my defence
God will carry on his work in opposition to
Friends or Enemies - This I firmly believe, and
leave the Issue to him - On my return to Port
Jackson I shall write more fully -

I am
Dear Sir
Your most obedient
humble servant
Saml. Marsden

Rev. G. Pratt
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West Town, March 19/53

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