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Rev. Dear Sir!

Ans. Nov. 19/23

I returned from Van Diemen's Land on the 6th Inst. and have been much preped for time since my arrival - Have heard this morning that a vessel sails to-morrow which will touch at New Zealand - I have just cast my eye over the dispatches by the morning containing the Society's resolutions, and letters to the missionaries - As I have obtained leave to visit New Zealand from His Excellency Sir M. Brisbane, I have thought it prudent not to forward the letters to the missionaries, but to take them with me when I accompany Mr^s Williams & Clark which I intend to do when Mr^s Clark receives orders her Government she is not yet brought to sea, but expects this evening - The Committee of the native Institution wish much to retain Mr^s & Mr^s Clark in the Colony, but I cannot consent to this - I propose to settle the Rev Mr^s Williams and Mr^s Clark together at Wangarou, about 30 miles from the Bay of Islands, where they can have a communication by land or water with the other missionaries should I find things as I expect to do - There may be some difficulty in managing Mr^s Kendall so as to prevent him from influencing the natives - I have thought it safer to recommend

in Person, as I intend to go down, the views and
Directions of the Committee, than to send them now
as it may prevent much mutual Violence
and Recrimination. I have forwarded the Letter for
the Rev. J. Butler containing the Reply of the Comm-
-tee to the Letters he forwarded to you relative to
myself, and have accompanied it with a hasty
Letter from me, a Copy of which I enclose -
I have also wrote a friendly note to all the
missionaries informing them of my intention
to visit them, and directed Mr. William Hall
to request the natives to get a Cargo of Shaws
ready against my arrival in order to repay
part of the Expence of the Vessel. I purpose to engage
the Minerva Brig for three months, in which
time I hope to take up all the Stores here, and
do all the necessary Business at N. Zealand, and
return again to Port Jackson. I shall do all
I can for Mr. Kendall to restore him from his Fall,
and remove him if possible from the Island -
I long suspected that his Conduct was improper, ever
since he advocated the Cause of Curliole - and
sometimes I remonstrated with him - His mind
was very sore, being wounded by actual Sin, that he
could not bear the slightest Reproof. He returned
from England in the same state of mind. Poisoned
Munghees mind against me - by telling him
to ask me for things which it was not in
my power to grant - He must also be aware
that I was not ignorant of his Conduct when

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on board the convict ship he came out in -
all these things made him uneasy (what you have
heard relative to Miss^{rs} Kendall King & Hall purchas-
ing the different articles which Gov^r & Jeterree
had given them in England is too true - I
expressed my feelings to them upon that subject
very strongly when I was in W. Scotland (from
Mr Francis Hall you will be able to gain the fullest
information - He is a man of clear views and
upright intentions - and has been very faithful
His request to return to England I could not refuse
knowing what his situation was - I hope he
will return, and bring a suitable companion
with him - He is a proper man for having
charge of all the Society's stores - He will do
what is just -

with respect to the dissolution of the corresponding
Committee, that was absolutely necessary, which
you will I have no doubt learn in due time -
I shall not say any thing upon the subject at the
present time unless called upon to do so - when
Mr Justice Field, Judge of the Supreme Court,
returns, he may give such an explanation as
will satisfy the Committee that my
colleagues acted right from the spirit of the
times, and could not do otherwise -
(There is another subject I wish to mention to
you of vast importance to this part of the
world, and that is to get if possible some
Gospel Ministers to be sent out to our
Pernianus Land I have written to Mr. Wilber-
force

on this subject, and hope he may do something
directly or indirectly to promote so important
an object - There are seven Chaplains here in this
Colony but I only consider four pious men. The
moral state of the Society at the present is
dreadful - The Rev. Mr. Gaspall has got no appoin-
-ment yet - His services are much wanted, but he
has as yet been unfortunate - He is a very pious
young man, has done my duty while I have
been at the present, and will continue to do
it while I am in New Zealand - (I am very
happy with Sir Thomas Brisbane, as far as concerns
my own duty - I have no doubt but that a good
understanding will be maintained between him
and me -) The Colonial Secretary took offence at
the decision of a Bench of Magistrates five in
number of whom I was one; and which decision was
submitted with the whole of the Proceedings upon the
Case to the two Judges, and five more magistrates
who all affirmed the decision - However I and four
of my Colleagues were all removed immediately
from the Bench, which act created a very great
Sensation in the Colony - As I had consented to
act as a magistrate at the Governor's solicitation, to
meet his wishes only, it is a matter of gratification to
me that I am relieved from that duty, as I wish
to have nothing to do with the political state of
the Colony - I merely mention the subject, as I have
no doubt but it will be made public in England
as Govt. will either condemn or approve of the
conduct of the magistrates and Judges -
Rev. G. Pratt I am with much esteem
D. D. D. Yours truly, Marsden