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Dear Sir!

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His Majesty's Brig the "Satellite" arrived this day from St. Feodora, she touched at the Bay of Spence, and brought a letter from Mr. Kendall - all to the Rev. J. Nassall, a copy of which I inclose - I thought, as the "Venerable" sails direct for England it would be some satisfaction to you, to have some information - I conclude all the missionaries are well, tho' I have not received any letter as yet from them - Mr. Kendall's letter to Mr. Nassall is of a singular nature. I am not much mistaken, his motive for writing in such a style, is to find some apology for living in Adultery - He means to say in plain language, according to my opinion of what he has stated, that by prying into the obscure mysteries of the natives in order to ascertain their notions of the Supreme Being &c. &c. his own mind was polluted; his natural corruptions excited, & his vile passions inflamed, by which means he fell into their vices - This Idea is strongly, tho' covertly, implied in one Paragraph particularly, which I have marked, at the same time I cannot but draw this inference from the whole tenor of his letter - You may perhaps view it in a more favourable light - whatever debasing effect may have been produced upon Mr. Kendall's mind by his Encumbrance into the obscure notions entertained by the natives, ^{of the Supreme Being} and their our lascivious Customs, I am of opinion