

Wed July 3/24

(with view of which 5/1) X

Rev. Sir,

It has become my painful duty to communicate to you the enclosed letters which contain your dismissal from the service of the C. M. S. After I had received the minutes of the Committee taken at their meeting on April 22. at Fidda Thide I had no alternative but to suspend you from your duty as a Missionary belonging to the C. M. S. until the pleasure of the Society, was known. It appears that the Committee of the C. M. S. acted from the information they received from New Zealand in passing the resolution to discharge you from the service of the Mission. Their imperious duty in my opinion compelled them to take this step. It does not become me as Agent to say much to you upon this distressing subject. The deed is done and cannot be reversed, upon reflection you must admit the sentence just. I must sincerely pray that thro' true repentance, and the divine mercy, you may rise again from your awful fall, but you must expect that the sword will never depart from your House. When I saw you yesterday you seemed to think that the Society had not done right in dismissing you from their service, that by punishing you they were punishing your

Children which was unjust. Allow
me to say that you form an unscriptural
opinion upon this point.
The punishment of your children
is a natural consequence of your
own transgression in the case in question.

I will visit says God "the sins of the
Fathers upon their children". There are many
thousand in Port Jackson who have
violated the laws of their Country,
but the law does not in the punishment
of offenders take into consideration
the Friends and connexions of the
guilty, nor can the Society upon the
same common principles of Justice,
consider the children of Missionaries
in their service when they violate
their solemn engagements with the
Society. No person will regret your
unhappy situation more than myself
I had flattered myself so much,
and so often, with the idea of your
usefulness amongst the Heathen, that
I am now, and have been distressed
for a long time at the events that
have happened, and at the misconduct
not only of yourself, but others also
in the mission. The subject is
too painful for me to dwell upon,
I must therefore leave you in the
hands of a Merciful God, who can
pardon and absolve all them that
truly repent and turn unto him.

I remain

Dear Sir

Rev. Mr. Kendall

your sincere Well-wisher

(Signed) Samuel Marsden.