

not always been in a state of mind to
 make myself useful, yet my wife, and
 my children have been at work; would
 it not be unkind indeed to make
 a difference between them, and the
 other children attached to the Mission?
 Do you think that such a measure
 will either punish or reclaim me?
 No! it punishes my children but it
 does not punish me. It is the lan-
 guage of Christian kindness that I have
 long wished to hear. It is the friendly
 hand that would raise me up, and
 not the hand of jealousy or envy
 that would press me down that
 can be useful to me in my present
 state of mind. O for a faithful friend,
 O for a patient perusal in the Bible,
 a peep at the Cross of an expiring
 Redeemer, an affectionate interview with
 him before his cause be deserted by me,
 and the labours of his afflicted servant
 be for ever at an end. If he spares ^{me} with
 life and health I despair not, flinging
 myself at his footstool I am humble
 before him. Fearing him I have no
 one else to fear, nor shall I ever be
 discouraged if by losing in point of
 rank amongst a few individuals,
 I can regain double in point of
 usefulness and spirituality
 I am

Res^d Sir,

But I mean Res^d & Dear Sir,

Your very Obedient Servant

(signed) Thomas Kendall