

Missionary House Taler Water Valley
August 16th 1823

Rev. Saml. Marsden

Rev. Sir,

I understand that a Committee of the Missionaries has lately been held at my House at Prangee Ho, and that amongst their proceedings an enquiry has been made "Why My Colleague Mr Corwell should write with me and my Family and Friends in our public worship on Sundays and other days for more than twelve months, or in other words why he did not join the other Settlers in their worship?" This Sir, is an enquiry of a very humbling nature to me, and I trust I feel myself humble. I nevertheless feel it a duty to remind you that no good end can, or will be answered by the Missionaries who are all of them fallible Men, enquiring into, and censuring the conduct of each other, in the manner they have done. The Disciples of our Lord no doubt were well acquainted with the general bad conduct of their colleague Judas Iscariot; yet when our Lord declared before all of them, that one of them should betray him, every one for himself asked the sobering question Is it I? That one of them presumed to point out the person of the Betrayer. How did St Peter and the other