

Samuel Marsden to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt: Regulations relative to the Common Store of the Mission in New Zealand, and Marsden's remarks

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1st That all Articles furnished from time to time by the Society in England or purchased in New South Wales by the Society's Agent for the use of the Mission be deposited in one common Store and considered as common Stock & in no case to be applied by any individual, Missionary or lay Settler; to his own use or convenience either for Building, purchasing of Land, provisions, or other expenditure.

2^d That no Articles shall be drawn from the common Store without the consent of two thirds of the Brethren first obtained and without an entry made at the time of the number and kind of Articles taken from the common Store and the purpose for which they are taken which entry is to be signed by the Missionaries and furthur [sic] the Storekeeper shall be requested to make copies Quarterly of the Invoices of all the stores received, expended, and on hand, and to what purposes such expenditures are applied and transmit them to the Committee at home and duplicate to the Society's Agent in New South Wales. [f]

3^d That the Storekeeper with the assistance of the Missionaries and lay Settlers shall make out a list of Articles for Barter and the general purposes of the Mission from time to time which List shall be approved by at least two thirds of the Brethren and shall afterwards be forwarded to the Parent Committee if the Articles required are to come from England and if from New South Wales the demand to

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be forwarded to the Society's Agent in that Colony.

4th That all houses, Stores, Gardens, Lands and every thing else which may be erected upon or procured at or for each Missionary Station shall remain the sole property of the Missionary Society, and that no Buildings or Gardens shall be injured by any individual whatever when he retires from the service of the Mission but be left entire for such Missionaries who may be appointed from time to time to those Stations.

5th That the produce of every kind of Labour or barter procured by the Missionaries or the Natives at the expence of the Society shall be carried to the credit account of the Society for the common good. [f]

The above regulations I drew up when in New Zealand— had them past [sic] and entered in the Minutes of the Committee— Should the Parent Committee see cause to alter any of them, or to make any additions to them I will thank you to communicate their wishes to me— many things may occur to the members of the Committee, who are better acquainted with Buisness [sic] than myself, which never strike me— If my Friend M^r Barron Field arrives safe you will receive from him all the Remarks, and other Information I wished to forward to the Society. I shall not send duplicates at present, but wait to hear whether you have received my Accounts or not—

I remain

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Rev^d & D^r Sir

Yours faithfully

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June 8th 1824

Rev^d J Pratt