

*Samuel Marsden to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt*

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Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir,

I wrote to you in Sep<sup>r</sup> last, in hopes that some vessel might touch at New Zealand for Europe, but none has done so yet— as I am now just on the point of embarking this morning I have thought proper to add a few more Lines. Several Circumstances have occurred since the Loss of the Brampton which could not be foreseen at that time— A small Brig has come in to the Harbour on her way to Otaheite, which the master of the Brampton in Conjunction with myself have taken up to convey us to New S. Wales— I must return to my public duty as soon as possible, as my leave of Absence has expired some time— M<sup>r</sup> Kendall gave me Reason to believe that he would accompany us to Port Jackson, as I did not take up the Brig until he informed me that he would follow my directions, when I applied to him to know what his Intentions were. After I had engaged a Passage from him, and his Family, he then informed me he was determined to remain in N. Zealand. I am therefore constrained to leave him— Several Circumstances have happened, which have rendered the Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Butler's Removal necessary [f] I shall communicate the particulars to you on my arrival in N.S.Wales— M<sup>r</sup> B. accompanies me, as well as his Son. I believe his Removal will be a great Blessing to the Mission. His moral Conduct was not correct— You can form but a very little Idea of the Anxiety, Vexation and Pain of mind which the misconduct of the missionaries has occasioned to me. Their Conduct has been extremely bad— Some have behaved well, and I have no doubt but they will continue to do so. I hope the mission will now be put upon a better

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Footing by far than it ever has been – Mr Cowell also returns with me; he has been an unprofitable Servant ever since the day I saw him – I am happy to say the natives behave well – There is nothing to be apprehended from them – They are very attentive to the missionaries, and there never was a fairer Prospect of usefulness than there is at present amongst this extraordinary Nation – Their minds are enlarging very fast; and very great alteration is made in their manners and general Conduct – They are most urgent to introduce themselves into civil Society – The Society's Labours have already been an infinite Blessing to this People – If the Missionaries had only [f] followed the Spades, the Axes, and the Hoes which have broken up the Fallow Ground with moral and religious Instruction New Zealand would have put on a different appearance in a moral Sense – Cultivation has been greatly increased – In Wymattee, Shunghee's principal district, there is at this time more, it is said by Mr Shepherd (who constantly visits this Settlement) than two hundred Acres in sweet Potatoes – In every district there is more than 40 Acres to one in Cultivation from what there were before Tools of Agriculture were introduced amongst them, in those Places where the Influence of the Society's Benevolence has been felt – You may be perfectly easy as far as concerns the natives – The particulars of what has occurred will be noticed in my Journal, which I purpose to send on my arrival at Parramatta – I have requested the Rev<sup>d</sup> H. Williams to write to you should any vessel arrive, and give you such Information as he may think important – It is a most melancholy Reflection that the Clergy should be the obstruction to the Mission – That their Conduct should be so

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unchristianlike, and sinful. It is wonderful that the mission has existed to the present time, under all the evils that [f] have afflicted it from the Europeans – I hope a great Change will now be made by the Removal of the Clergy from the mission – I have fully explained to Shunghee and the other Chiefs the Cause of Mr Kendall's Removal, and also Mr Butlers – Shunghee is under great obligations to Mr Kendall and feels grateful to him for the assistance he has given him, in muskets and Powder, and he pleads for him – Mr Kendall works upon his mind by stating to him how ill he had been treated by me, the Society and the Missionaries – Shunghee contends, that we should forgive him as he has now put away the woman – I am sure Shunghee will not like to do any thing against the mission – whatever he may feel for Mr Kendall – I give Shunghee great Credit for his Prudence. When I first saw him, he said "I told you to come no more to New Zealand, when I was at Port Jackson, but I see you are not afraid of New Zealand men – Your Anger was not in your Heart when we parted, but only in your mouth, or you would have come no more" – Shunghee when at Port Jackson asked me for things I could not give him at Mr Kendalls directions – I was angry at Mr Kendall for encouraging Shunghee to do this – which caused a Coolness between us and we parted very distant – no doubt Mr Kendall has his views in what he did – I send you this hasty Line, as the Boat is waiting for me –

I remain

Dr Sir yours affectionately

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