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Ridgely Rhode Nov. 10th 1829

Child June 22/24
Rev. Sir

I wrote to you in Sept^r last, in hopes that
some vessel might touch at New Bedford 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 top of the
manuscript, 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 manuscript 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 - Mr. Herdall gave me reason to
believe that he would accompany me 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 for him, and his family, he then informed
me he was determined to remain in N. Bedford
I am therefore constrained to leave him -

Several circumstances have happened, which have
rendered the Rev. J. Prother's removal necessary

I shall communicate the particulars to you on
my arrival in N. S. Wales. Mr. P. 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
fear 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
footing by far than it ever has been - Mr. C. well
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 extrane-
ous nation - Their minds are enlarging very
fast; and very great attention is made in
their manners and general conduct - They are
most urgent to introduce themselves into
civil society - The Society's labours have
~~already~~ already been an infinite blessing to
this people - If the missionaries had only

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followed up the Spades, the Axes, and the Axes
which have broken up the Yellow-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 my native, Shunghees principal
District, there is at this time more it is said
by Mr. Sheppard who constantly visits this Settlement
than two hundred acres in Sweet Potatoes - In
every District there is more than 100 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. H. Williams to write to you should
any vessel arrive, and give you such Information
as he may think important - It is a most melan-
-choly Reflection that the Clergy should be the
obstruction to the mission - That their Conduct
should be so unchristian-like, and sinful -
It is wonderful that the mission has existed
to the present time, under all the evils that

have affected 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. Potters.

Shunghee is under great obligation 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 all he has 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 now
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 Kendall's
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 had
his view in what he did - I send you this hastily, as
the boat is waiting for me - I remain

Rev. G. Pratt

or his yours affectionately

Samuel Marsden