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George Clarke to Josiah Pratt

Native Settlement New South Wales

Jan^{ry} 28 1823 –

Revrd and dear Sir

Mr. F Hall's return to his native Country has given me an opportunity of forwarding my journal to you, in which you will find the particulars of the ^{^or my} Voyage from England to this Country, where I arrived on the 16 of October 1822.

From the time of my Arrival in New South - Wales, to the first of January 1823 I resided with Mr Marsden in Parramatta, during the time I was with Mr Marsden I visited Many places where the Inhabitants were destitute of the public worship of God on the Sunday: Where I endeavoured to make known the Gospel of Christ. On the first of Jan^{ry} 1823 I left Parramatta for the Settlement now-forming | for the benefiting the poor degraded – Aborigines of New South Wales. –

The reason Mr Marsden thought fit to detain me in the Colony, I doubt not but Mr M_ has communicated, if not, Mr Hall will inform you [f] why it was deemed prudent. Although I am not Now on the societies funds I feel myself as much as ever your Servant in the Missionary cause. Should you deem it right to give Mr Marsden instructions respecting my leaving the Colony, I hope I shall feel perfectly satisfied; Or if with Mr M - you think I may be of more Service among the Aborigines of New. S. Wales I wish to be equally satisfied, I only want to know your will. At some future time I may be able to give you some information respecting this Mission, but my recent Settlement ~~among~~ ^{^in it}

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forbids me to say any thing respecting it at present, the Natives are the most degraded set of heathens I ever saw, I should be very happy to receive a letter from you in which I should be glad to know your will respecting my present or future destination, in the mean time I remain dear sir

Yours dutifully

George Clarke