

560
New South Wales -

December 19th 1823

16
Pleasant and dear Sir

I received your affectionate letter dated Feb^y 15th 1823, wherein you mention having received letters from me, from Bro Parsons, I hope you have also received my letters dated Nov^r 29th and others dated Feb^y 1823 I had written in Oct^r, but by mistake my letter was not forwarded which I now forward with this

Some dear Mr. Spalden has returned from New Zealand, a new scene of usefulness has presented itself to that dear man of God, and to me, Mr. Spalden sees it my duty to proceed immediately to New Zealand, on account of the education taken place there, during Mr. M^r's last visit - so that I am now more preparing for that voyage, I again sympathize, being deeply affected that ^{some} "who did once run well" are now turned aside from the right way, but yet dear Mr. Spalden, and Mr. Parsons tells us that the Mission is in a more prosperous state than ever, and that the Missionaries leaving, is no ground for ~~any~~ discouragement, may the Lord direct our steps and keep us from falling.

We intend continuing our labours among the Aborigines till a vessel offers itself for New Zealand, as they are altogether destitute of an instructor when we leave, May the Lord raise them up some one that feels for their immortal Souls. - It would afford me pleasure to hear you had nominated some one for this part of the vineyard - here are obstacles, but here are also encouragements, much perseverance is wanted and a temper that will bear up with insults, and the basest ingratitude, It should be some one that is qualified for instructing children, and could conduct the public worship of God on the Sabbath as there are many

European prisoners, beside natives that would attend
the service of God, here is every thing ready for the reception
of a Missionary & Commodore Horn 12 children and 6 family
settled upon the spot for to begin with; Surely the
field is already white for harvest. May the Lord send forth
labourers to the field.

I requested Mr. F. Hall to be so kind as to ask you to
send me as early as possible, if it met with your approbation,
Mulkers Church history, Collins Ancient History and
a good work on Natural History.

That the Lord may give you strength to bear the
repeated disappointments peculiar to your situation, and
grant you many years to carry on his glorious cause
on the Earth is the prayer of

Your Humble Servant
George Clarke

Mrs. Clarke writes with me in kind regards to
Mrs. Pratt and family

W. George Clarke

Dec. 17, 1733