

*Samuel Marsden to Josiah Pratt*

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Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir

Since my arrival in Leeds I have seen William Hall the young man the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Fawcett wrote to you about— I wrote to Carlisle for him to come to Leeds— I am very much pleased with William Hall he appears to be well qualified for a Missionary to New Zealand, is a man of Piety good Sense, and Industry— I gave him every Information I could relative to the Natives, the danger of his Situation, the necessity of his working at his Buisness, and every difficulty that could be foreseen. However his mind was firm, and fully determined to make an Attempt— He is a Carpenter by [f] Trade, but much better informed, than men in general, in his Situation— As a little knowledge of Ship-building will be of very great importance I have recommended him to go immediately into one of the dock yards and work as a Ship-wright for a few months, till there may be an opportunity for his going out— This he was very willing to do— and will leave Carlisle for Hull next week for that Purpose— I shall recommend him to a Friend of mine who is a master builder, and request him to give him every Instruction in his Power which I am persuaded he will do— Hall understands Sawing Plank very well, and will be able to instruct the natives in this— When Hall comes to Town, I am sure the Society will approve of him he is a very [f] promising young man— I believe his Circumstances are pretty good— I offered to pay his Expences, but he declined accepting my money— He may perhaps want a little Assistance in Hull, while in the dock-yard, but this I am not sure of— He is very willing to work, and would

maintain himself there, if work could be got, but trade being so much oppressed many Carpenters in Hull are out of employment— Should he want a little Assistance, it will not be much— He has tools of his own— I shall endeavour to find one or two more like minded with Hall, if I can, to go with him— Should you have occasion to write to me, a Line addressed for me at Leeds will come safe.

I am

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir

your most obed<sup>t</sup>

humble Servant

Sam<sup>l</sup> Marsden

Revd J. Pratt