

Samuel Marsden to Josiah Pratt

June 28-1808- Leeds

Rev^d Sir

Since I wrote to you last I have had a Letter from a Mr. Barnes who has a dock yard in Hull, the Gentleman to whom I recommended William Hall, informing me that he has arrived. I send you the following extract from Mr. Barnes's Letter for your Information— "on questioning Mr. Hall I find he is perfectly Master of the use of Tools so that Part of our Buisness would be entire wast[e] of time" — Mr. Barnes is a professional Man, I am glad to find that Hall is so good a workman as a Carpenter— The only Instructions he will want will be to learn the method of draughting Vessels and layhing down their respective Parts— The necessary Books and Draughts will cost about ten [f] Guineas, besides a Case of Instruments, Scales, and a Set of draugh[t]ing moulds would be absolutely necessary — After Mr. Barnes has mentioned the above Articles he adds — "In short if you will leave the providing the necessary Articles to me, I will attend him, and instruct him, the time he has to stay here as much as is in my Power, on such Terms as I have no doubt will meet with your Approbation"

Tho' I am sensible that it may be of the first Importance to Hall to have some knowledge of Ship building from the moment of his Embarkation thro' his future Life, yet I did not feel myself authorised by the Society fully to sanction Mr. Barnes in purchasing the necessary Books for Hall &c until I received directions from you — which I will thank you to communicate as soon as convenient — [f]

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I would observe that Hall's knowledge of a Ship as a Carpenter, might save considerable Expence in future and be of great Service to our whalers occasionally, who may put into New Zealand in distress. I send the following Extract from a Letter I had from Hall two days ago for the Consideration of you, and the Society— "I have seen an Acquaintance of mine in Carlisle that seems very desirous of going along with me to N. Zealand, — I have been acquainted with him about three years, and I never knew any thing amiss with him — he is industrious and steady, but not so much given to piety as I could wish, [h]is name is John McHower — he is a Presbyterian by Profession, and a Smith by Trade" — As W^m. Hall wrote to me I have felt it my duty to submit the above — I shall direct Mr. Barnes to assist W^m. Hall as much as he can till I receive a Line from you. Address for me at Leeds —

I have the honor to be

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Your most obed^t Ser^t

Sam^l Marsden

Rev. J. Pratt

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