

D. Wilson to Josiah Pratt

My dear Friend,

The Father of John King, whom I have introduced to the Society as a settler in New Zealand, came over to me yesterday at Morton. The measures which his son is taking are greatly distressing to him & he earnestly pressed me to represent his feelings to the Society. I told the old man that John King acted perfectly voluntarily & that no constraint would be offered him either by the Committee or myself but that, as he was of age, perhaps the Society would consider him as entitled to act on his own judgment. I promised however to write expressly to you on the subject, which I now do, & to beg that every enquiry may be [f] instituted which may be necessary to satisfy the minds of the Committee & of myself that the young man is breaking thro' no higher obligation in his dedication of himself to the work of a settler.

I remain

My dear friend

Y^{rs} affectly

D. Wilson

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