

*Governor Macquarrie to Josiah Pratt*

49 Albemarle Street,

London 5<sup>th</sup> May 1809

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 3<sup>d</sup> Instant, enclosing me an Extract from the Minutes of “the Society for Missions to Africa and the East”; and in reply thereto I beg you will be pleased to inform the Society, that I shall have very great pleasure in attending to their recommendation, in affording any aid or countenance in my power, as Governor of New South Wales, to the Settlement and Settlers at the Bay of Islands in New Zealand, as well as to the Chief of that Territory. [f] I beg leave however to observe that it would be desirable that I should be instructed (previous to my departure hence) by His Majesty’s Minister for the Colonies, how far I am to afford aid and assistance to the Settlement and Settlers to the Bay of Islands— and to the Chief of that Country.—

I have to offer you Sir, my best thanks for the Book you were so obliging as to leave at my Lodgings yesterday; and to regret that I was not at home when you did me the honor to call.—

I remain with respect

Sir, Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

L. Macquarie

The Rev<sup>d</sup>

Josiah Pratt.— [f]

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P.S. I return a Note which I found in the Book you were so good as to leave at my Lodgings yesterday. — L.M.