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Mr. J. Wendall to Secretary

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Dear Sir,

I feel myself much concerned from the recollection of some remarks which were made whilst I was in the presence of your Honorable Committee in the evening of the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant, but, by that embarrassed way of delivering my sentiments, which is too common to me, and which I cannot otherwise account for than being so seldom called upon to express myself upon any subject before my Superiors, an unfavorable impression should be made upon their minds respecting me. I therefore beg leave to explain myself in writing upon a point or two at that time giving rise to those remarks, and request you will have the goodness to communicate to your Honorable Committee what you may think worthy of notice. And in the first place, I am solicitous to have it understood that when you alluded to my Note to Mr Wood in which I expressed my "fear of the abatement"

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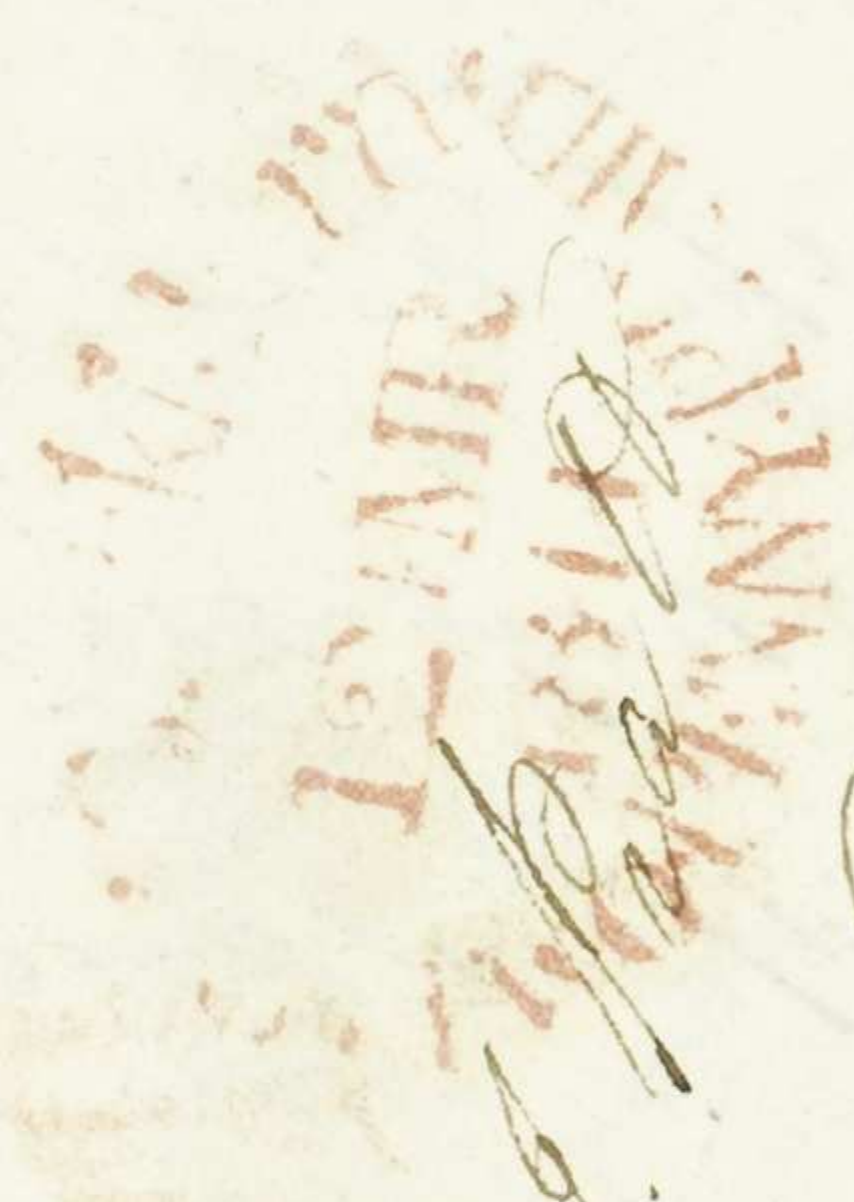
my zeal for the work, I did not mean to excuse myself from Proceeding under such an Idea. Nor did I, when I said that I could not look at the difficulties before me, mean, that I had wholly & inconsiderately, <sup>omitted</sup> weighing in my own mind the arduous task of a Missionary. When I can contemplate the zeal & faithful services of many honored servants of the Lord Jesus who are now in eternal Rest. When I consider with what eagerness and speed they pursued after their work; and, after more than two years find myself still at home; then is alas! some reason to suspect my own want of zeal in the cause of so good and so glorious a Master. I return my thanks to the gentleman who sat near me for observing that I ought duly to have weighed the difficulties with which I should probably have to encounter before I set out. That I have thought of them in some measure it is true, but I durst not suffer myself

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to dwell upon them. I trust God will for the sake  
of his own cause keep me near to Him and give  
me his support under trials which I am not  
prepared to expect, and of my own strength  
unable to bear should they come. Therefore humbly  
depending upon the Divine Blessing & Protection, and  
being conscious that the Society would be satisfied  
with my earnest endeavours to promote  
the Redeemed Kingdom, and leave the Issue to Him,  
I should be glad to make the Trial, and to add  
my public efforts, such as they may be, to the  
labours of those who in the same cause have  
gone before me. Yet after all if it should not  
please God in his Providence to select me as  
a candidate, I ought to submit. I know that  
his Kingdom will flourish among the  
Heathen. He needs not the aid of such individuals as I  
am, altho' he sometimes condescends to make  
use of them. And am. Rec<sup>d</sup> for  
Your Obedt. & Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
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