

Mr W. Hall to Secretary

Full 18th Feb^y 1812

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Rev. Sir

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Mr. W. Mar. 3^d. that the affair was
not at all in such a state as to give any
prospect of employing their vessel.

Tho' unknown to each other personally,
I beg leave to address You as the Secretary to the So-
ciety for Missions to Africa & the East — This excellent
Institution which has my prayers, & a small contribution
annually, I find has adopted the plan proposed to it by
that excellent Man, the Rev. Mr. Marsden of New South Wales
in sending out two good Men as Missionaries for New
Zealand; & I trust that his designs tho' for the present
unhappily retarded, will eventually be blessed with success
& conduce towards the establishment of the Redeemer's
Kingdom amongst that benighted People — I had the
privilege of Mr. Marsden's acquaintance whilst at this
place; & once in a conversation with him, probably abt
3 years ago, he pointed out to me, in addition to the
religious & moral advantages to the Natives of that Is-
land, the mercantile ~~also~~ benefit arising from frequent
intercourse between the New Zealanders & the British In-
habitants of New South Wales — I have read in your
last report the same plan again proposed in the letters
addressed by Mr. M. to your Committee, — & I hope
it has been by this time adopted by some of your
wealthy Contributors exactly in the way Mr. Marsden
recommends. — My motive for thus addressing You, is
as follows — I am concerned in a ship with my Brothers
called the Minstrel abt 350 Tons p. register, In: Reed Master

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which We have just let to Government for the purpose
of carrying out Female Convicts to the place above
mentioned; & as she will be at liberty from that con-
tract as soon as those Convicts are there put on shore,
We are willing to place said Ship in some degree under
the direction of our above named Friend for a little time,
if there is a probability of our Interest being promoted
thereby — It would not suit us in our rank in life
to let this Ship remain in that part of the World for a
long period, neither is she of the size recommended by
Mr. Marden, as the one he wishes for must be only abt
200 Tons — & We have moreover an ulterior Voyage in
view, viz. to proceed to China or India, thence to load for
England: — but perhaps You can give us some informa-
tion that may be of use to us in our more limited plan
& We shall be greatly obliged to You for it —

We shall have much pleasure in conveying any
Letters or parcels of Books &c. to our aforesaid esteemed
Friends, if your worthy Committee or Yourself have
any to send — I think of sending to him as a Present
the 4 Vols. lately published by You of the Works of your
departed Friend Mr. Cecil, — if You have another Set to
spare me — please inform me thereof —

I am with respect

Rev. Sir

Your obed. Serv^t

Wm. Hall

at Tho. Hall & Sons

Rev. Jos. Pratt

Feb 7. 1892

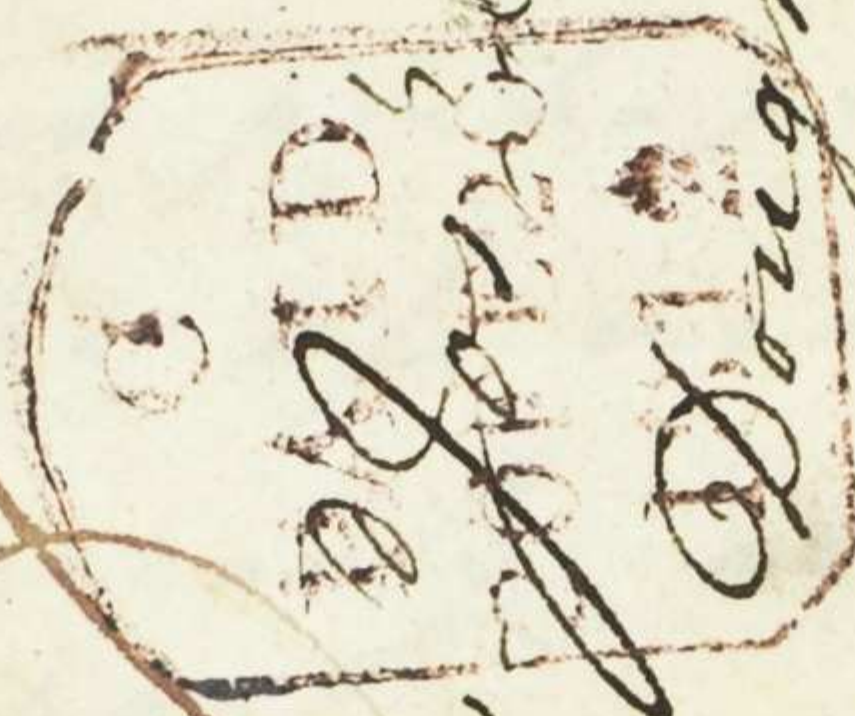
I remember once having the pleasure of
meeting your Bro^r & his Lady, when they were on
a visit at this place at the House of one of my Bro^r
during the life of his former Wife who was the Young-
est Daughter of the Rev^d Mr Robinson of Leicester -
- if as I understand they live now in London, please
give my respects to them

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