

MS. 498/29

*T. Babington to Josiah Pratt*

Down[in]g Street

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Dear Sir,

Mr Wilberforce & I had an interview at the Office of Lord Bathurst with Mr Peel about Mr Kendall. I find that Gov<sup>t</sup> would probably send Mr Kendal [sic] as a Settler at their own expense & give him a grant of land. Whether they will do more is doubtful, but it is clear I think that they will not bear all the expence of sending & maintaining by rations out of the Gov<sup>t</sup> [f] stores (also during the passage & until the land will support them (his Wife & 5 children.) Now Mr W & I wish you to inform us whether we are at liberty to make as good conditions as we can with Gov<sup>t</sup>, & to pledge the Soc<sup>y</sup> to bear that share of the expense which we cannot prevail on Gov<sup>t</sup> to undertake. I should hope, that we shall be able to reduce the expenses of the Soc<sup>y</sup> within moderate terms, but we cannot proceed without clear instructions.

In haste, Dear Sir

Y<sup>rs</sup> very Sincerely

T. Babington

Be so good as to let me hear from you without delay