

T. Babington to Josiah Pratt

Downing Street

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Dear Sir

Mr Wilberforce & I have just seen Lord Bathurst who agreed to carry out Mr Kendal [sic] & his Wife & five children to New South Wales, ensuring them ship-room, rations, & also considering Kendal is to be fed on shipboard & afterwards to have the normal rations on Shore after his arrival as long as is normal in similar cases of those who go to be Settlers, as Kendal is to be. In case his wife is qualified to be a School Mistress there, & will be in that capacity, she too will have rations on on Shipboard & on Shore [f] like her Husband. In short I understand that they will be no expence to the Society. — However it is a direct stipulation made by L^d Bathurst, that M^r Kendal shall remain in New South Wales at least three years. After that time he may use his discretion as to moving to New Zealand. It appeared to M^r W[ilberforce] & myself, that this stipulation was reasonable. — We have pledged the Mission Soc^y to pay for the Board of the Children (& of the wife also if she is not to be a Schoolmistress) so that Government is to be party to no expence on this acc^t either on Shipboard or on Shore. And L^d Bathurst says, that the payment for this paid by the Society shall be at the same time as if it was by Government; if the members of the revenue will admit of this without introducing an inconvenient system & he will enquire. — We explained to his [f] Lord[shi]^p that our great object in view was to instruct natives of New Zealand, & that therefore

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Mr K[endall] might not improbably in time remove thither.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours very faith[full]y

T. Babington

I return Mr Marsdens Letters

The Rev^d Josiah Pratt