

Rev. J. Fawcett to Secretary

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My dear Sir

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Tho' I do not wish to enter into any question concerning W<sup>m</sup> Hall, in any case wherein he may seem given indications of a wrong spirit— yet in Justice to him I must explain one or two circumstances in which he seems to labour under misconception— It was not then from information derived from him, that I attach to Mr Marsden the want of attention to him & his companions—

In the letter dated Aug<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1809— which I have quoted, after stating the fact that they were to go as servants, all he says is "the Society did not wish to send us out in such an unpromising manner, only there being no other conveyance known of at present"— &c — and not a word of blame against Mr Marsden.

It was from another quarter that I understood that this necessity arose entirely from Mr M's inattention: that Mr M. was intrusted by the Society with the care of procuring their passage, which he neglected to do till the ship was full—

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If this information was incorrect, I have been mistaken in imputing negligence to Mr M —

I have now before me his last letter dated Nov. 4. 1811 — which I had mislaid when I wrote to you last — After mentioning the calamity of the ship Boyd — he says " I think it is more than probable we shall go yet after a time, God willing, — But what has concerned us most is, that we have had such a fine opportunity for learning the Language of this Colony (he means N Zealand) and never been able to embrace it, owing to the high price of vituals and every other article, which requires all our time to be spent in labour to earn a living which immediate necessity calls for" — The opportunity he alludes to is the stay of some New Zealanders at N. S. Wales who were gone at the date of his letter —

This disappointment he does attribute to Mr Marsden; but, without any comment or reflexion, he simply states his belief that the Society wd

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have supported them in part but Mr. M. interfered  
and prevented it. He does not say when, but  
I rather think <sup>he means</sup> ~~it was~~ in London, before their  
leaving England. — I am entering on this  
subject far more at length than I intended;

I will only add, that you will see from this  
full statement, that complaints do not come  
this late before you from him. The account  
of Mr. M's neglect did not come from him  
at all — & it came to me nearly  
four years ago — and certainly made me  
more inclined to suspect a similar want of  
attention now — I have written to him, ex-  
horting him to humility of spirit — to acquiesce  
in the judgment of his Superiors, and to remem-  
ber that he is a Settler, not a Missionary —

I yesterday preached for the Socy at St. Cathberts  
and obtained £30 .. 8 .. 6 & in the afternoon at  
Sealeby & obtained £3 .. 13 .. 6 — After the sermon  
at St. Cathberts two persons signified their  
intention of becoming Annual Subscribers —  
I had entirely overlooked the change in

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7 day of holding your Anniversary, and therefore have not got my Subscriptions collected.

I will hasten them as much as possible; but, if they would not be too late for your report, or week or two might add something to the n<sup>o</sup>. of our Subscribers. —

An association has also been formed among the lower orders consisting of 15 members — it has not yet assumed the regular form which I hope it will do in time — it is the beginning or will hope of a greater thing.

I cannot therefore at present say what n<sup>o</sup> of Miss<sup>y</sup> registers may be wanted, but if you could indulge me with a dozen of each n<sup>o</sup> (except the first) already published, & continue to send me that n<sup>o</sup> regularly till I can give you a better account of our proceedings, I think I could employ them to the advantage of the Society — be kind enough to send the first supply as early as possible, & to say how much time you can allow me for collecting Subscr<sup>y</sup>. I am &c. in your's most truly  
J. Fawcett