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Dear Sir

Mr Wm Hall to Secretary

Rd to Com. Dec. 27/13.
and again Jan. 25/14.

Sent a copy, Dec. 29/13, to Mr Willerforce, begging him
to introduce the subject to the Sp. M. of Jan. 7/14.

Your esteemed favor of the 3 March

and Dec. 29/13. stating Mr Wm's letter of Oct. 25/10, and Com. Resoln.

a P I duly received

On acc^t of the shipwreck
of Feb. 6/12 - no further letter from you. on the subject
begged a copy, by return, of Mr Wm's letter to them - had asked
Mr Will. to introd. the business at Sp. Gen. Mts.

of a ship which was bringing dispatches from New
South Wales, We did not receive the letters, inform-
us of our ship Minstrel's arrival there until this week

Amongst them is a Letter from our mutually
esteemed Friend Mr Marsden to me, dated Paramatta

the 12th Nov. 1812 - It is almost exclusively on the

subject of fitting out & sending a Vessel of 150 or 200

Tons meas^{re} to N. S. Wales, to be employed in the Trade

between that Settlement & the Islands East of

it in the South Sea - The arguments he makes use

of & the statements he exhibits are so clear & encour-

aging, that had I the ability in a pecuniary point

of view, consistent with a prudential regard to my

Family, I would as a Merchant immed^{ly} set about ful-

filling the Plans which he recommends - But it

would ^{not} be by any means prudent for either my

Brothers or myself (who are owners of the Minstrel)

to embark in such an enterprize separately or even

jointly, considering the great risk We should run, in

case of the death or removal of our Friend Mr M

We shall therefore by the next conveyance write

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our said Friend that We decline in the offer which he makes us, — unless in the Interim some plan can be arranged of a more general nature, where in consequence of an increase in the number of Adventurers, the risk shall be comparatively trifling —

To such a number of Persons as I should propose I do not expect the probability of worldly gain would form the Inducement, because the Shares being so small there could ^{not} be a chance of large Profits, except in case of one Individual taking several Shares, — but the motive I would hold out is what Mr. Mavidan dwells much upon, — "the comfort & assistance which would be rendered to the Missionaries on those Islands, & the tendency to promote the Civilization of the Inhabitants thereof, by such a continual Intercourse between them & N. I. Wales" — Our said Friend informs me that he has written at large on this subject, to You as the Organ of the Church Miss. Society & to some other Gent. who belongs to the London Miss. Soc. and that he has no doubt of the concurrence of a large number of the Members of both Societies; — he is aware that as Societies they can neither of them take a part in a Mercantile Transaction like this, but he is fully persuaded of their readiness to do so as Individuals — If therefore the business has not been taken up by Mr. Wilberforce, as You hint in your letter to me, I beg leave to propose the follow. Plan: — That my Brothers & I — undertake to purchase &

of course mean that we ourselves had at least one share each

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Fit out a suitable Vessel, according to Mr. Marsden's directions, & send her to N.S. Wales with those various articles of Merchandize of which he has sent us an Inventory — That in order to attain these objects, a Fund be raised of 5 or 6000 — ^{to} in Shares of 100 each (any Individual to take more than one at his option) — that such aggregate Sum be lodged in one of the London Banks, & that We draw from it as We want for the purposes of the Undertaking. — That 3 or 4 Gents be chosen from the Subscribers, to act in concert with us as a Committee, — their names to be on the Ships Register, ^{along with ours} — & their consent to be necessary to all the ^{principal} measures We adopt — I can merely give You an Outline, but more particulars will arise in case of the Plan being entered upon, which can easily be arranged afterwards — It will require some assistance from Persons of influence, espec^y to procure a License from the E. India Comp^y — for this will be necessary heretofore, because the Vessel intended must be much less than the size limited by the late Act of Parliament — Mr. M — & a Friend of his in the Colony will take one third of the Vessel, but of course the Subscribers must at first advance the whole, & when their ^(Mr. M & Friends) remittance shall be rec^d, it would be divided among them — I shall be obliged by your laying this Scheme before such Gent^l as You think likely to promote it, & that without delay, because I understand a Vessel is appointed to sail for N.S. Wales in ab^t a fortnight & by her I must write our esteemed Friend as to the course We mean to pursue — If You have not rec^d the

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Letter which Mr. M. says he has sent You on this subject, I will send You up ~~the~~ the Letter which I have rec^d, immedi^{ly} on hearing from You

May the Blessing of our God & Saviour descend on your Ministerial labors, as well as on those exertions which You & our other esteemed Friends in the Soc^y are so nobly making, for the extension of his glorious Gospel among the Heathen!

Believe me Dear Sir

Yours truly
Wm Hall

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