

Josiah Pratt to Joseph Hardcastle

Church Missionary House

Salisbury Square,

Feb^y 8th 1814

Dear Sir

I beg to hand you the enclosed papers on a subject whereon some Members of the Committee of the Church Missionary Society had a conference with you about 2 years since. It has been lately revived in the Committee by fresh communications from the Rev^d S. Marsden from New South Wales.

You will find enclosed ~~a copy of a Letter from~~

1. A copy of a Letter from M^r W. Hall, of Hull, to me dated Dec^r 18/13 in consequence of my reply to him that we had received no communication from M^r Marsden, he sends me
2. His Letter, dated Hull, Jan^y 1/14 enclosing
3. A Copy of a Letter from the Rev^d
4. S. Marsden to him, dated Parramatta, Nov 12/12.
4. The copy of an Address to the friends of Missions.

This last paper is submitted for your consideration, and that of your friends.

By the last arrivals from Otaheite we perceive that your Missionaries "are about commencing the building of a vessel, as strenuously recommended by his Excel^y Gov^r Macquarie &c"

Our Committee would be glad to know if in your judgment and that of the Directors of the Missionary Society, this vessel will supersede the one [f]

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formerly proposed by M^r Marsden, and the establishment of which is again strenuously urged in the Letter a copy of which is inclosed. And if, notwithstanding, it should seem desirable to establish a vessel in compliance with M^r Marsden's proposals, I am further to inquire whether the mode of effecting the object detailed in the enclosed Address to the friends of Missions would meet the concurrence of the Directors, and whether they would recommend and promote it.

I am directed to state that the Committee do not take up the design as a matter connected with this Society, but are disposed to support and recommend it as likely to be Generally advantageous to Missionary undertakings in the Pacific Ocean.

As early an answer as convenient will much oblige the Committee.

I remain,

My Dear Sir,

Your faithful Servant

(Signed) Josiah Pratt

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Joseph Hardcastle. Esq^r

Treasurer of the Miss^y Society

P.S. I shall thank you to return the enclosed papers.