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Secy. to Joseph Haidecastle, Esq. Treas. to the (London) M. S.

Church Missionary House,

Salisbury Square,

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 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 ~~sent~~ received in the Committee by fresh communications from the Rev. S. Marsden from New South Wales.

You will find enclosed a copy of a Letter from

1. a copy of a Letter from Mr. W. Hall, of Hull, to me, dated Dec. 18/13 in consequence of my reply to him that we had received no communication from Mr. Marsden, he sends me

2. His Letter, dated Hull, Jan. 1/14 enclosing

3. A copy of a Letter from the Rev. 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 Otahite we perceive that your Missionaries "are about commencing the building of a vessel, as ~~strenuously~~ <sup>strenuously</sup> recommended by his Excl. Gov. 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

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formerly proposed by Mr. Marsden, and the establishment of which is again strenuously urged in the Letter a copy of which is enclosed. And if, notwithstanding, it should seem desirable to establish a vessel in compliance with Mr. Marsden's proposals, I am further to enquire 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 the 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.

Secy.

Joseph Waincastle, Esq.

Treasurer of the Miss. Society

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