

Thos. Blick to Josiah Pratt

Kibworth Market Harboro :

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Dear Sir/

I took the liberty of writing to you May 17 supposing you would be glad to learn that my endeavours from your kind instructions were likely to be successful at least according to my own humble ideas but as I may be mistaken I subjoined a copy of the Answer I received from Lord Bathurst to my Memorial and requested you to favour me with your opinion of it as I was very desirous to know far I could trust to it, for regulating my affairs – If you received my Letter I conclude you have good reasons for delaying to answer it, nor should I trouble you again, but having lately learnt that my Brother in Law Major Uquter has been with you, and therefore it may be right to inform you that our sentiments are at variance, and also to assure you of my unabated desire to assist, to the utmost of my power, in your projected Settlement at New Zealand, and I am also happy to add that having learnt from a Friend, how to arrange my property so that I apprehend now, no difficulty about the ways & means for the undertaking. [f] But as I find M^{rs} Blick's friends averse to my intention I have been trying to give it a different appearance and for that purpose I suggested to the Duke of York the propriety of organizing a Militia Force in the Colony of New South Wales, for which I was honoured with His Royal Highnesses thanks but as it did not appear to remain with him, I have further submitted it to the Lord Bathurst & the Chancellor of the Exchequer humbly requesting they would entertain the measure and use their influence in

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Government to procure the adoption of it, as in case of its being so, and my having been an officer I might receive a Commission, and such instructions as might enable me to do much good service to the Public as well as promote the great cause of Religion and Morality in the Colony, and as this new plan is so closely connected with my primitive object I scarcely think it would meet your disapprobation and as Lord Bathurst has not returned the Duke's letter I flatter myself it may be taken into consideration in due time. I am now become very anxious to hear from you & I hope you will soon favour me with your opinion of these things which I need not observe would greatly oblige me, if not also afford great relief to my mind. [f] I was in Buckinghamshire last week & with the Reverend M^r Langston who told me he belonged to the Church Missionary Society & knew you he desired me to be kindly remembered to you. With my best wishes for yours M^{rs} Pratts & family's good Health

I remain

Dear Sir

Most respectfully

Yours truly

Tho^s Blick