

Mr. J. Black to Secretary

Aug. 25/14

Wiltshire Market Harbour:

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Ans^d. Sep. 3/14 - apologized for absence from
town &c. - felt diff. - had told Major W. all
papers - wished his help in N. S. W. & C. L. -
tho' from Lord B's letter might have passage next y. if permitted - wished to do
ev. thing with consent of fam. if pos. in

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 ~~unstable~~ 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 how 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 Rynter has been with you, and therefore
it may be right to inform you that our Sen-
timents 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.

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But as I find Mrs. Plunk'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 pro-
sperity of organizing a Militia force in the Colony of
New South Wales for which I was honoured with the
Royal Highness's 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 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 sincerely 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.

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I was in Rutlandshire last week & with the Reverend
Mr Langston who told me he belonged to the Church
Missionary Society & knew you he desired to be
kindly remembered to you, with my best wishes
for yours & Mrs Poole's ~~good~~ health & family's good
health - I remain

Dear Sir

Most respectfully

yours Truly

W. B. Blair

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