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Dear Nephew

I receive so much pleasure from the perusal of the Missionary Register, published, I apprehend, under your direction; that I venture to mention the propriety of withholding occasionally any part of the communications, which you receive from your correspondents, that may appear improper to meet the public eye. I will take the liberty of mentioning two communications from my particular friends, that I was sorry to see in print. One was, the first letter which you received from my nephew Wm. Jewett, giving an account of his voyage. It was so void of any thing serious, or suitable to the character of a Missionary, that it gave offence to every one of his friends whose opinion of it has come to my

knowledge. It surely was not intended for
publication. I am sorry that he has not yet
been able to exercise his talents at Malta; or open
a door for the spreading of the Gospel. I hope
he will yet prove an useful Correspondent.

The other communication which I should have
concealed, was the threatening of my friend
Marsden to blow up the Town in New Zealand,
where Duaterra lay tabooed, if the people
would not permit Mr M. to see his young
friend. I am writing to Mr Marsden in answer
to a letter lately received from him, and shall
tell him my opinion of this unwarrantable
transaction — a transaction unsuitable to the
character of a Minister of the Gospel, or a
Missionary. If the people whom Mr Marsden
has left in that country should ever imitate his ^{example}
I should expect to hear that they were driven out
with indignation. If Mr M. did not mean to

fire the guns of the battery upon the Town, was
he not guilty of a falsehood in making that
threatening? If he did intend such an attack,
was he not in effect guilty of Murder?

I think you have a right to exercise your
discretion with respect to the publication of what
is from time to time communicated to you.
And to consider what effect any publication
is likely to have upon the public mind.

I hope you will excuse the freedom
of these hints.

I am glad to hear that Mr. Bickersteth has
returned from Africa in health. I hope he will
bear his share in your arduous undertaking of
Secretary to the Ch. Missionary Society.

Our Anniversary will be held on the 23rd inst.
that is, before you receive this. Should our lives
be prolonged, we may at some future time see
you in the West Riding — But what has an old
man of 80 to do with future time upon earth! God
mercy I am not yet in the state of good Barillai —

I can yet taste what I eat, and what I drink —
I can bear the voice of singing men & singing women
with pleasure, when they sing to the praise of God.

The Rev. Josiah Pratt
Doughty Street
London



Present my affectionate regards to my Sister
Gowett, your wife, & family.
I remain
Your affectionate Uncle
William Hey