

MS. 498/61A

Charles Grant to Josiah Pratt

India House

Aug^t 16th [1817]

Dear Sir

A Gentleman of this House has express'd so kind an interest about the Colony on Pitcairns Island wishing the Missionary Society to attend to this case, that I cannot help mentioning it to you. I do this the rather because I have heard it lately positively asserted that the people on this Island cannot read. If this is the fact they may be expected to degenerate after the death [f] of their present head, and it may be the more proper to provide for such a Contingency because otherwise the Island may be visited or rather invaded by persons of a very different description than those who would be sent by the Missy Society, to the ruin of the simple Inhabitants.

I remain Dear Sir Sincerely

Your very obed^t S^t

Cha Grant

Rev^d J. Pratt