

Francis Hall to Josiah Pratt

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March 25th 1818

Dear Sir

I had anticipated pleasure, and benefit, in accompanying Tooi and Teeterree to Madeley, but the Almighty seems to have ordered it otherwise: I therefore bend with submission, to his inscrutable providence. I have now to request, that in the event of these young men being sent back to their native land, this spring, that I may be permitted to accompany them. I am thinking, that by my being favoured with their conversation during the Voyage, aided by the labours of Mr Lee, together with what I may probably learn at the Seminary at Parramatta, while waiting a passage by the Active; I may through Grace, soon be of use to Mr Kendall on my arrival at New Zealand.

For certain reasons, I think it right to enclose the original certifficates [sic] &c of which you before had copys. The Letter from the Rev^d Mr Hendrick to Mr Millar, of course I cannot (the original, an open Letter, was put into my hand, and I took a Verbatim copy, which you had before [f] but have sent Mr^s Crosbys note, during the indisposition of her worthy consort, which was the foundation of that letter. I judge it prudent also, to enclose for your information, the securitys I hold for some property in Yorkshire: and to repeat the promise I made in a former Letter of twenty pounds p^r annum, , being punctually paid into the funds of your Society. Having received my interest money by little, and little, as my Sisters received their rents, and were enabled to pay me, I have not much money on hand. And it would be detrimental to their interest to sell

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during the present great depression in the price of property; besides, if I was to act as harshly with them, as others have done, who had an incumbrance on their estate, probably there might not be left for them a comfortable living: But I must act a contrary part, such as I am commanded to do 1 Timothy 5^c.8- This is irrelevant, but I mention it in order to shew, why I cannot come forward in the way I could wish to do, with respect to my outfit, passage &c. I have however in my Will, left to the Society a sum which I apprehend will reimburse them for such expenditure. What I can do, I will. [f]

And I think it would not be amiss for me to take some things proper for rewards for the good attendance and dilligence of the Children: from a hint I picked up from M^r Kendalls monthly reports of the School, which you put into my hands, I see this will be necessary. Indeed I have seen this mode acted upon in the Boro' School, with the best success. I have only to add, that I am sincere in this business, my heart is in it, and I am anxious to be at the post of duty, which I humbly hope and trust my God hath assigned me for the residue of my life. And I repeat the request that your Committee will be pleased to permit me to sail with Tooi, and Teeterree (should he survive) if it be found expedient to send them back this Spring.

Let me go and tell them at New Zealand that the Ambassadors are coming, in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ. Who's feet shall indeed be beautiful upon the mountains, and bring good tidings. Men richly commissioned by the Eternal Spirit to proclaim, [f] That

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came into the world to save sinners. Let me tell them that the Church Missionary Society is the arrow of the Lords deliverance— That The Lord hath made bare His Holy Arm in the sight of all nations And what He, and He only, hath lately done for Otaheite, by your twin Sister, in this blessed work of faith and labour of love, The London Missionary Society, He will in His own good time do for New Zealand by the instrumentality of your Society.

With prayer that the blessing of Heaven may attend all your labours,

I remain

Dear Sir

Your very obed^t Serv^t

F. Hall

P.S.

Please to lay the accompanying papers aside for me.