

Henry Tacy to Josiah Pratt

Wymondham Norfolk 30th March 1818

Dear Sir,

I have long had it in contemplation to write to you on the subject of a young man who is, I think, eminently qualified to promote the object of our Mission to New Zealand. The communication has been withheld from time to time that I might have further opportunities of proving, by trial, the temper of his mind & spirit under different circumstances: a remark, however, in M^f Marsden's letter, published in the last No of Miss^y Reg^f has determined me to withhold it no longer.

James Kemp, of this place, is a pious Blacksmith, and would very much like to be sent out to M^f Marsden as one of the Society's lay settlers. Perhaps M^f Bickersteth may remember him; or M^f Almond if he be in town, can give you some account of him. He is the same youth that I was desirous should accompany my friend Finn at the time he was expected to go out Chaplain to Canton.

Of his piety, and zeal, & sweet temper I think very highly. he became seriously affected with religious truth about five years ago, and has been, since that period, I have no doubt whatever, advancing in the experimental knowledge of it. He is about one & twenty, and engaged to be married to a very serious person a [f] few years older than himself, and who enters very fully into his views & feelings about Missions.

I have never known a person that I have altogether thought more highly of

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as a humble Xn.

Will you have the goodness to think over the matter and give me the result of your thoughts on it.

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours most truly

Henry Tacy

I beg to be most kindly remembered to M^r Bickersteth.