

Francis Hall to Josiah Pratt

Madeley Sep 12th 1818

Dear Sir

I received your favour of the 31st Ult to p. M^r Mortimer's parcel. I read your Letters to Tooi and Teeterree they were affected therewith. Teeterree shed tears. They seem pleased in shewing them to their friends.

Since I last wrote you Teeterree has been indisposed with the complaint in his bowels, but is now quite well again. M^r Mortimer has also been unwell but is recovered, and gone down to the sea side for a short season. I communicated part of your L^r to M^{rs} Mortimer wherein you request me to consult M^r M. as to their working their passage out. He will I dare say write you upon it from Southport. I have spoken to Tooi & Teeterree on the subject, they seem perfectly to coincide with what you propose, of having them respectably accommodated (but not as cabin passengers) and that their active employment should be voluntary. Tooi is a good Seaman, and fond of the duty and I think that it would be rather a punishment than otherwise to restrain him from [f] lending a hand. Besides it will be more conducive to their health to work a little. With respect to the spiritual concerns of these dear young men I have but little to add to my last communication. They like to go to Church and are very attentive. They are fond of looking over the hymn book when the singing is going on, tho they cannot read. On our return when I ask them if they understand what has been said — they answer very little — they do not seem partial to my talking to them about the best things — they generally change the subject as soon as they

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can. May the Holy and eternal Spirit water them every moment, & may they stand at the right hand of God in the day that the Dear Redeemer makes up his Jewels is my sincere prayer.

With respect to the New Zealand language I am grieved to state that I have made but little progress in it: though I am very desirous of doing so. My dulness has I trust humbled me in the dust, and caused me to be more patient with T & T in their difficulties in learning ours— One reason I assign for not getting on so well as I perhaps might have done is— I have been much try'd and harrassed [sic] in my mind by my friends putting stumbling blocks in my way & attempting to persuade me not to go to [f] New Zealand. But I believe that it is the Lord's will that I should go, therefore their arguments have been of no avail. They are now happily more reconciled. The enemy of souls too, has been busy with me, but the Grace of my God has been sufficient. I have been a good deal engaged with Tooi & Teeterree in endeavouring, at least, to teach them; and going about with them from place to place. I am much dissatisfied with myself, at the little I have attained of their language: but I remain in hope, if once we are quietly settled on board the Ship, I shall go on better. I shall then have fewer interruptions.

You kindly desire me to direct the articles [word cut out] coming from the north to the Church Missionary House but I fear they will take up too much room and be in your way: I have therefore ordered them to be left at the Wharf they are landed at in London, till it is ascertained what Vessel we go by, in preference to the C.M.H., or to my lodgings in the City Road.

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I am not a little pleased that we are likely to be accompanied by a Clergyman. I will thank you to let me have a little time in London previous to our sailing to get every thing needful. Tooi and Teeterree send their affectionate regards to you M^{rs} Pratt & family. They have begun a Letter to you but get [f] on slowly. They are much animated at the prospect of seeing their dear friend M^r Bickersteth soon.

I remain

Dear Sir

Yours very affectionately

Francis Hall