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Committee may at any time hereafter be pleased to appoint as superintendant of the whole mission, and to act under him as such; especially as you say that you will take every proper means to have our respective duties, and our relation to each other clearly defined. I never controverted the propriety of a superintendant in any other way than as he had no means at New Zealand of keeping men who were not missionaries under his control in the same manner as he could guide the missionaries, and that those men often were the means of promoting discord amongst the missionaries themselves. My object was not to treat Mr Butler with contempt in the situation he held under the society, but it was my desire ^{to} go on without being subject to a plan which entangled me more a lops with men, whom altho' I wished well, I notwithstanding wished to avoid. In rejecting a superintendant, I acted wrong. I wish to yield to those who are wiser than myself and