

Thomas Kendall to Josiah Pratt

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Rev.^d and Dear Sir,

The Society's Missionaries at New Zealand being under an heathen government, where there are no established laws for the protection of their property it is necessary for me to acquaint you that all packages sent from this Country to New Zealand ought to be of such a weight and dimensions, that they may be removed without difficulty, and without being unpacked from the boats on canoes to the houses of the Missionaries. The Stores designed for one settlement ought not to be sent to another; because the natives of the village to which they are sent and the surrounding neighbours, expect that all axes, hoes &c. landed amongst them are also to be expended amongst them. I have long since acquainted you, through M^r Marsden [f] that no natives occasionally residing in England or in Port Jackson ought to be permitted to see the articles, especially the trading articles, shipped for New Zealand - They are so very communicative that our friends in New Zealand soon hear what kind of articles we are in possession of, and they bring their property for sale before we want it; and being unwilling to turn them away for the reasons stated above, we have in many instances been prevented from accomplishing our object in view, because we have been prematurely deprived of the means of doing it. I wish to make myself clearly understood in this very important particular. It is natural for you, or M^r Marsden out of tender regard for the wants of the New Zealander's to acquaint them with the large quantity of [f] Axes, hoes &c which are sent out for their use - I can have no doubt, but this is done on your part with the best

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intentions, but if you know the great inconvenience ~~which~~ with which it is attended to the Missionaries you would take care, to have all the articles [^]contained in the packages kept secret ~~with~~ from the natives and enjoin the Missionaries themselves to pay particular attention to the same regulation. I am Rev.^d and I am [?]

Your very obed.^t Serv^t

Tho.^s Kendall

I have told M^r Jowett to make the Packages Smaller }