

MS. 498/101

Basil Woodd to Josiah Pratt

If you approve of Mr Kendal, executing their commission, let me hear from you, my other officer of the Society not accompanying them ____

Paddington

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My dear Friend

The regard, which I feel to the Ch: Miss^r, dictates this letter -

I have spent this day with the New Zealanders, & am truly concerned to state that they are quite dissatisfied with the presents the Society have appropriated for them - You must consider that these men are of high importance in their country, & men of very quick sensibility as to the attention paid to them - They draw comparisons between the presents made to Toi & Teterree & themselves; & feel themselves injured by the inferiority of their presents - [f]

They are men of lively gratitude & violent resentments, & it strikes me that the Society sh[oul]d endeavour to ease every unfavourable impression, which, I am grieved to observe, has unfortunately possess their mind - Mr Kendal I think is too delicate in speaking to you on the subject, but I shd not be dis-charging the duty & regard to the welfare of the Society, if I did not plainly state that their minds seem much hurt -

Shunghee to day appeared quite enraged, & spoke as if he did not [?
Crossed out] receive the presents - He remarked that the axes give to Toi & Teterree were larger & more numerous than ^{^to} them - Mr Nicolas & Mr Kendall [f] are sitting by me & relate that Shunghee will feel ashamed to be seen by his family with less property than Toi - Seven members of the Society are

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with me, & we all unite in urging the propriety, the policy, the duty which, the good, the welfare of the Ch: Mission involves in this transition [?].

Mr N. & Mr K are of opinion that not less than 12 large axes, & 12 small axes, 6 Adzes, 12 hoes, 6 spades, & one whaling knife should be given to each of them. This, if a watch, value about 2 guineas, were added ~~and not exceed~~, & a suit of clothes, would not exceed £15 each; & really £30 w^d be well spent to secure their friendship & protection = If you approve of this I sh^d recommend for Mr Kendal [f] to go with them to select the articles - & we are of opinion this is requisite in order to satisfy them; & enable them to distribute to their relatives when they return - when I have time I will write out a fair copy of the address I delivered this morning, & suggest what might be added as an appendix from the substance of the apology which I drew up last year - With best wishes for the success of the Mission, I am My dear Friend

very affect^{ly} yours

B Woodd