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*Henry Irwin to Josiah Pratt*

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Ballincollog

Dec.<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>. 1820

My dear friend/

Having heard that Major General Sir Thomas Brisbane has been appointed Governor of New South Wales, I felt it to be my duty to avail myself of a very slight acquaintance which I had with him, to commend to his favourable consideration the Rev.<sup>d</sup> Samuel Marsden, & the cause in which has been so zealously & suc=cessfully engaged: for this purpose I took the liberty of sending him the Volume of the Missionary Register for 1816 in which are detailed Mr. Mars=den's proceedings in New Zealand - I send you on the other leaf a copy of the note [f] which I received in answer, which I think will be gratifying to you & the Committee - I understand that the General proceeds from Cork to London in a very few days; & if you consider it necessary to address him either by letter of deputation, you need not take any notice of this communication. I merely send it as an encouraging proof that the whole cause this, is opening the hearts of many to take an interest in its progress. Sir Thomas is a very active, intelligent Officer - fond of scientific pursuits - particularly Astronomy - very bene=volent - with a great respect for religion, & most regular in attending its ordinances -

With sincere wishes for your personal welfare & the prosperity of our common cause,

Believe me y.<sup>rs</sup> in the fellowship

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of the faith Henry Irwin [f]

Glentown

Dec.<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>. 1820

Dear Sir

I was favoured by your obliging letter of the 4<sup>th</sup>. only yesterday morning, they leave to assure you that every protection I can possible afford the Rev.<sup>d</sup> Samuel Marsden shall at all times be bestowed on him, & I shall further exert all the means in my power to promote his zealous & laudable labours - I feel much indebted to you for the Missionary Register you were so kind as to send me, & the articles respecting him I have read with a great degree of interest, & I should hope there is no officer in Command at a remote station that would be found to withhold his support from so true a zealot in the cause of Christianity & I remain with much esteem

Your most faithful servant

Tho.<sup>s</sup> Brisbane

Rev.<sup>d</sup> [? ?]

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