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No 25 Rev. J. Massden to Secretary. Nov. 15/09
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Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you of our safe arrival at Rio Janeiro after a very pleasant Passage of 56 Days from Portsmouth. William Hall, his wife and John King are all well, and I believe very happy that they came in the storm. They never could have been better accommodated than what they have been, as they have slept in general in the large Cabin. Hall is a man of very considerable ability, and I trust true Piety - He is naturally of a stubborn Temper, very obstinate, and rude in his manner - at the same time very industrious, persevering in any thing he undertakes, & I think he will be found a very useful man in New Zealand. I have endeavoured to convince him of the necessity of subduing his bad Temper - but it very often happens that those Persons who have a bad Temper think the contrary - This is Hall's Case - His own natural Temper will hardly allow him to be civil to any one -

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His wife is a very amiable valuable woman,
I have seldom met with her superior -
Halt is very kind and attentive to her - King
is a very quiet humble man; very unobtrusive
in his manners, and will gain the Esteem
and Affection of the New Zealanders, tho'
by no means equal to Halt in firmness
and strength of mind - I have no doubt but
he will make a good missionary - The
young Chief is very much attached
to King, a very strong friendship is
formed between them - It is a most happy
circumstance that the young Chief was
on board the ship - such a complete
connection will be made between him and
the missionaries, as may hereafter greatly
promote the object of the mission -
I have written a long letter to Mr Good,
Caroline Place, relative to New Zealand.
From this you will see what I have
been doing on board - I think it may give
some satisfaction to the Missionary
Society, if you will take the trouble
to call upon Mr Good, and get the

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Letter from him for the Society's Inspector.
 As Mr. Good is a very learned man, and
 acquainted with many men of Science, it is possible
 he may meet with some Author who may
 throw a little light upon the Inhabitants
 of New Zealand - I have wrote to him more
 particularly for that Purpose.

I trust both Hall and King will get some
 Knowledge of the New Zealand Language
 previous to their arrival in the Island.

I would observe that the Rev. R. Cartwright
 and Hall have not agreed well. Their Differ^{ence}
 took place before we embarked - I believe it
 originated principally from the new situation
 in which both of them were placed on board
 the Ship; without any solid foundation -

Excepting this little nonsense, we have been all
 very happy during the voyage, and I trust shall
 continue so - Mr. Cartwright is a very
 excellent man - and I have a very good opinion
 of Hall. I wish they had the same thoughts of
 each other, as I have of them both; they would
 not disagree - The Captain has behaved kind
 to us all - we have had a very healthy Ship
 and Service at sea twice on the Sabbath

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We do not touch at the Cape, but proceed from
 hence to Port Jackson - Present my respect-
 ful Compliments to the Society - I shall
 write to you again from Port Jackson
 It is my present intention for all the missionaries
 to go on in the Arm to New Zealand. I apprehend
 there will not be the smallest danger in Mr.
 Hall now going on, from the close intimacy
 formed between them and the Chief. It may
 be necessary that I mention, another circumstance,
 when we arrived at Rio - I directed Hall to make
 out a list of what Articles they would want,
 and I would purchase them, as I could get them
 along with mine, at a much lower Price -
 However I found Hall purchased what he thought
 proper without my advice or assistance, and
 had paid on high Price for his goods - Afterward
 he asked me if I would pay for them on the
 Societys account - I told him I certainly should
 not - He was at full liberty to buy what he
 liked with his own money, but not with
 the money belonging to the Society. I know that
 he does not want for money, neither shall they
 want for any other Comfort. at the same time
 he did not appear satisfied, and perhaps will
 mention it in his letter. what King has wanted
 I have supplied him with, because he has not
 those independent notions -

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5. Hall will require to be held in with bit and
bridle till he understands his real situation:
He will be very careful of his own money—
while he would think little of spending £50 of
the Societys money. I have seen many missionaries
of the same turn of mind who have come out
to Port Jackson from the London Missionary
Society. Tho' Hall has those singular notions
yet I believe he will turn out a good missionary.
I have always found him sincere, and firm
in the Cause. He has learned practical
navigation during our passage, and will
be able now to navigate a ship. I intend
him to keep a Journal all the Voyage, that
if he should be wanted hereafter to navigate
a ship between New Zealand, and Port Jackson
he may be completely qualified—London will
do more injury to simple young men in
one month, by the kind attentions of religious
people, than many months of hard labor
can remedy—If Hall had remained in London
much longer, he would not have been easily
governed afterwards—It is astonishing how
his mind was lifted up the short time he
was there—when you write to them, do not

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say any thing to them that will tend to raise them above the situation in which the Society wishes them to act. The missionaries at Otaheite always appeared to me to consider themselves on a footing with the Directors because they called them Brothers. The term is proper in a religious sense; but not in a political one. but this necessary distinction is soon forgotten - you will have the goodness to excuse this hasty scrawl. I have little time to write here as our stay is short, and must refer you for information to my letter to Mr. Good - your near neighbour.

I have the honor to be

Rev. Sir

Your most obed^t

humble servant

Sam. Marsden