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Copy of a Letter from the Secretary
to the Rev. Samuel Marsden,
at Paramatta, N. S. Wales. 498 238

London, Aug. 29th 1811.

My Dear Sir

Wm. Do. Secretary to Rev. S. Marsden. (Copy)

At our last General Meeting, held on the 4th of June, I was directed by a Resolution of the Society to return you their sincere thanks for the kind services you had rendered to us, and to request your continuance of them. I have great pleasure in forwarding to you this testimony of our esteem and affection, and am persuaded that you will have as great in continuing your kind assistance to our designs.

I send copies of our last two Publications. You will see in the last Report the notice which the Committee wishes to pay to your

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suggestion in respect to the employ-
 ment of a vessel, with the special
 object of assisting in the civilizing and
 evangelizing of the Islands of the
 South Sea. A deputation from our
 Com^mittee has conferred with Mr Hardcastle
 on this subject. I am sorry to say that
 his years & growing infirmities seem to
 dishearten him from taking a share
 in a scheme of this nature. Our idea
 is to open a separate subscription for
 this object, in the way of shares; and
 you may be assured that we will not
 relinquish the plan, if we can possibly
 procure adequate support and encourage^{ment}.

If any thing further has occurred to
 you on the subject, be so kind as to
 communicate it to me.

I write by this opportunity

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to the Settlers, with a few looks for them. Your account of their habits and conduct has given given great pleasure to the Society. We have again enjoined ^{on} them entirely to refer themselves to your judgment & that of your friends, whom you may associate with you in directing our affairs.

Wm Hall mentions £ 20 which they had expended in carriage of their goods &c. &c. which he requests the Com^t to ~~with~~ repay. The Com^t have directed me to beg you to do this, if you judge it proper. I recollect you said something about his having expended money frashly at Rio. Perhaps this may be a part of the £ 20. If so, probably you would advise not to ^{refund} ~~repay~~ it. But, at all events, perhaps it would

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encourage them, to return it, even
in that case, by way of a kindness
and boon: but we will leave it to
your ^{discretion.} ~~direction~~. You will please to
draw on Mr Smith, whenever
your fund is exhausted.

It will give us great
pleasure to hear that a lodgment is
formed at N. I. with a prospect of
~~good~~ success. The coincidence of the
commercial scheme with ~~your~~ our
own is remarkable, and awakens our
hopes that God will do something ^{mercifully}
for that noble and injured people.

In any scheme of an
establishment at N. I. Wales for the
training and instructing of N. Zealanders,
or of the natives of New S. W., the Com^t
will heartily cooperate with you -

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and request any communications
which you may have to make
on that subject.

I enclose a copy of the
sixth and seventh Reports of the
Bible Society for yourself, and a
few Summaries for the information
of such friends as will rejoice to
hear of the progress of that noble
Institution.

Mr Pratt unites with me
in very kind regards. We beg to be
remembered to Mrs Maroden and
other friends.

Believe me, my Dear Friends,

Very faithfully Yours

Josiah Pratt