

Copy of a Letter from the Secretary  
to the Settlers at New Zealand No 89  
To W<sup>m</sup> and J. Hall and John King (Copy)

Dear Friends 498,239  
No 89. Secretary to the Settlers at N. Zealand.

We have received different letters from Mr Marsden and you, which have given us some insight into your proceedings and circumstances. The events which have taken place at New Zealand, being entirely <sup>beyond</sup> ~~under~~ our controul, must be submitted to as of God's special appointment. Though they may retard your intended settling among that people, yet we hope that they will not frustrate the design.

It gave us pleasure to hear that our God protected you in safety, and <sup>ai</sup> maintained alive your earnest desires to be instrumental in diffusing the knowledge of his salvation. And we pray for you, that our Great and Blessed Master would endue you with the abundant grace of the Holy Spirit.

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It is a great satisfaction to us, and must  
be so to you also, that you, immediately on  
your arrival at Port Jackson entered into  
active employ.

I send you a sett of  
the Christian Guardian up to the present  
time; & shall take opportunities, in future,  
to continue it: as it will be a pleasant  
and useful book for you to read. Enclosed  
also is a copy of the last two sermons  
and Reports of our Society.

It will give us much pleasure  
to hear, if it shall please God to prosper  
our designs, that you have been ena-  
bled to proceed to New Zealand, and to  
settle yourselves there in security, and with  
a prospect of ultimate success in your  
undertaking. Reports very unfavourable  
to the natives have reached us, and seem  
to have had some influence to their  
prejudice on your minds: but we are much  
inclined to <sup>think</sup> with Mr Maroden, that the

New Zealanders have been very shamefully  
 used by our countrymen; and where they  
 are properly treated, there is no just  
 ground to fear settling among them.

We pray that our Heavenly Master  
 would guide you and our friends in  
 all your deliberations. May the Holy  
 Spirit keep alive in your hearts much  
 love to the souls of the heathen. How  
 honorable is our cause! How acceptable  
 to our Lord even the desire to be instrumental  
 of winning souls to Him, whether he may  
 seem to prosper your labours or not!

We beg you to write by every  
 opportunity your feelings and views on the  
 objects before you. Make <sup>us</sup> as fully acquainted  
 as you can with the character, and manners  
 & of the natives - when you settle among  
 them. And let us hear, from time to time,

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what you find to be obstacles in the way  
of enlightening the natives, and the best

way of removing them. There is a wide

<sup>field</sup>  
And attend for your observations and remarks,

And these communications will <sup>always</sup> be acceptable

to the Committee. We shall be glad to

hear of Mr. Flallo's health and spirits being

good: and we trust that our God will be

with you, and give you peace and harmo-

ny together, faith and humble depend<sup>ence</sup>~~ence~~

on him, patience and zeal in his course,

and such success as may redound to the glory

of his name.

If you should be enabled to  
establish yourselves, with good prospect of

success, at New Zealand, there will be

ready to join you from <sup>this</sup> country, like minded

with yourselves. We have some such persons

in view, but the Committee<sup>m</sup> are unwilling,  
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to enter into ~~an~~ engagements with  
them till they have farther light  
thrown on the path of their duty.

Take every opportunity of  
corresponding with us: and be assured  
that we feel much for you, and that  
you are reme<sup>m</sup>bered in many prayers.  
Live near to God yourselves, in the daily  
renewing of your vows to Christ, and in  
the deriving of supplies of mercy and  
grace from the Father through Christ  
by the Spirit.

The sum<sup>of</sup> £20 which Mr Hall  
mentions as having been expended, the  
Committee have directed me to request Mr  
Marsden to return to you, if he shall  
judge it proper. In every thing we  
wish you to refer yourselves to that  
excellent friend's judgement, and that of those

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other friends who with him have undertaken  
to assist us in our designs.

We beg you to accept our Christian  
love. Believe me, Dear Friends,

In the best of loves,

Yours very affectionately

Josiah Pratt