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Rev. Sir,

The Rev. Mr. Marsden having laid before us the copy of a letter which he received the last evening from Captain Irvine, relative to the disposition of the Corresponding Committee, the original of which letter has been forwarded to you by that Gentleman; and your Committee having also noticed the same subject; we deem it necessary to observe, that at the time the Corresponding Committee was dissolved, the spirit of opposition ran so strong against Mr. Marsden, as to leave no other alternative for the majority of the Members to adopt than this measure. Many circumstances have since occurred which have fully shewn, not only the wisdom of that measure, but also the necessity of it.

The Rev. T. Wendale was so much encouraged in his opposition to the injunctions laid upon him by Mr. Marsden against bartering Muskets and Powder with the Natives of New Zealand, that he told Mr. Marsden that he would neither obey his Orders, nor those of your Committee. And he has acted in defiance of both.

The Rev. Mr. Butler would never have presumed to treat Mr. Marsden with such contempt
 To the Rev. Josiah Pratt
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