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To go back to the Origin of it. When we arrived here one found Mr Browne building this Chapel, and upon enquiry about the Money, understood he said, the People had given us some, and the Committee would pay the rest.

I must acknowledge tho it goes much against my inclination to say any thing against a Brother in the Ministry yet my own Character being concerned I feel it my duty. I did not think it a right application of that's granted for female Schools; yet as our advice was not asked on the business we did not attempt either of us to dictate more up. By this time he had a large Bill to pay for work & the £50 was gone. He was now upon the point of going home & there was no Money. He wished me to pay the Money out of that which Capt Rove had given us for our first Bill. He said he would go home and state the case of the Chapel & get things into a train & then I could draw; but he wished no Bill to go home before or with him.

When this I paid the Money and went on with the Chapel expecting all would be right till I wanted that Money & then I drew the Bill - so that it will be seen part of this £100 Bill was never expended by me. I do not know exactly the sum I paid as I debited the Chapel with the same in my regular account, but I know it was the greater part of £50. And as to no Letter being sent, Mr Browne was my letter to you & more than as he was pleading for his own action, and, as a friend I did not think I had to write for an answer would's most certainly have done it. I must say I Mr Browne said little about it, and especially of the manner in which I was pleased. Mr Browne says in his letter in the February Magazine the People had given £20. Of this he never collected a Penny, and tho I asked him for it, yet he went away without giving me a bill of the subscribers names; and I have not been able to find out People to any thing like such an amount nor has there been a Penny of this sum received.

It is true the Station is of great importance in many respects but I acknowledge I should never have thought it of consequence enough to begin of myself to build a Chapel without your consent first obtained and tho the £20 had been put into my hand instead of being promised; as such a sum is comparatively nothing in building here. I appeal to my Counsel in instances of this kind, to clear me before you. Tho a School House was wanted, & all here knew or frame some is cheaper than a better one, yet in my letter to you about that I observed, we should wait for your answer before I began to build. So this I never had any answer yet. Have I not done what the Rule requires in reference to our Chapel in Town. And in my last which will accompany this I have entirely left every thing to your better judgment, and only stated facts and offered my suggestions. Surely all these things will prove the blame is not mine. I send your letter to 3 or 4 of the most respectable Ladies and they

all agree in advising me to place the blame where it belongs. My dear Father know I have no hundred Pounds to pay. I have nothing but my ~~Character~~ which I hope you will never thin by returning a Bill for faults not mine. Had I began the Chapel, or not let on as I have here I should have expected it. There is now remaining a debt of something more than £100 which Money I have borrowed, and a Bill for which I hope my dear Father will not refuse, at least till they write me again. If you will not hear me: I have no other alternative but either to go to Prison or open the Chapel to the Governor which I should very reluctantly do. The Land is not yet granted, but the Governor wishes that Lot, and the Lot for the Home then, and the Lot in Bathurst Street to be granted to me, and for me to grant it to Trustees for the use of the Conference. I have provisionally laid out every Penny that has been spent and the best proper say I have saved £50. Many days have I even laboured there and have been so built I have not been able to sleep after coming home, yet I considered nothing more than my duty. Nor it should it happen (which I sincerely it will not) to fall into the hands of the Governor would I take any thing more for it than it cost me. I would still be used for a place of worship. I would put a Church Missionary there but should thus lose the Station, and I am sure our credit here. I hope this never will be our case. Hoping to hear from you in 10 days, you can make it convenient, I remain dear Father yours Respectfully and Affectionately
Baker

P.S. In reference to Bills of 2 Months I cannot get them cashed here. It is not a Colony Bill, nor was drawn here except in Cases where the creditor pushes-hand & the Debtor can give him nothing else. There are so many Public works and sundries that the Colony teems with Bills, and all the Church Missionary Society draws at 30 days. So that really, I am compelled to continue mine at the same rate.

The repairs of the house will exceed I expect £100. as the whole roof is rotten and it would be impossible to live in the house next Rains without a new Roof. We supposed pretty from it had state these last. The Money is arrived brings me yours of Oct 27th. The Plans astonish me but I bow to your superior judgment.

The Foulaks are as far as I can learn peace

obtained in England it would be very advisable