

## Calendar of Letters, 1742-1831.

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144. 1819. Aug. 5.

From WILLIAM WARD (at Cheltenham) to ISAAC MANN (Bradford).

Declines an invitation to Bradford because he is recuperating, but mentions that there are many in the North that he must see before returning—viz. Steadman, Greenwood (Hull), Ewood Hall, Gildersom and Hull. Gives an account of the present relations between the Socy. and Serampur, in which he is at present negotiating. "It is difficult to meet so many opinions; some are for giving the Socy. a pernicious power over Serampur, and others for yielding nothing. I am attempting a middle course, for neither extreme will do." "The healing work is difficult; I will not, however, yet despair." He states that he expects soon documents from Serampur, "which will retain all that Serampur must have, and give to the Socy. all that it should desire. Serampur must have undisturbed occupancy of the premises, the power of disbursing its own funds, and of choosing its own companions in labour. The Socy. must have the power of interposing if things go wrong, and the reversion of all the property. This, my dear bro., is my plan." He hopes this arrangement will appease the "junior brethren"—for "it was the hope of becoming Serampur, and of alienating the Socy. from Serampur, that has made the younger brethren act in the ungenerous and cruel manner they have." Ward goes on to call it "a hard case" when Marshman has contributed £3,000 a year, Carey £1,000 a year, and Ward "that sum or more"—"to be branded as rogues by servants of the very Socy. with whom we have been acting. . . . But our work is with our God."

145. 1819. Sep. 15.

From JOS. FENN (Church Missy. to the Syrian Churches) to WM. BEDDOME (London).

A brief note stating inability to meet a Dr. Gregory.

146. 1819. Nov. 3.

From JOHN RYLAND to KITCHING.

Mr. Vaughan has applied through Mr. Dyer "for a missionary to instruct his negroes, as poor Moses Baker is

getting old and infirm." The Committee propose sending K. for six months. Advises respect and tact towards both Moses Baker and Mr. Vaughan. The latter is averse to the negroes learning to *write*, but R. feels it vitally necessary that they must learn to *read*. Coultart will bring further instructions. R. states that a nephew of V.'s—son of a Presbyterian minister in America, has called on R. and is settling at Falmouth (Jamaica). States Steadman is well, but Yorkshire is "in a very perturbed state, and Infidelity is rapidly increasing."

147. 1820. Feb. 5.

From I. BIRT (Birmingham) to B. LEPARD (London).

Re Mr. Muckley. B. knows little of him, but that he failed in trade some years ago. But the Church dealt kindly with him, and in a subsequent conversation, B. was more satisfied than he anticipated, in his explanation. "I should be sorry to hear that his application to the Fund proved unsuccessful."

[William Muckley was pastor at Burslem 1806, and in 1837 : as Mann was at Burslem in 1812, this suggests the date of Muckley's misfortune.]

148. 1821. Mar. 27.

From ROBERT HALL (junr.) to I. MANN (Shipley).

Concerning his own publications, Hall sees no reason why he should forego his own printer, and so turns down Mann's proposal to go to another printer ("Mr. Carlill?")—although "it is not on your own account you make the proposal."

149. 1821 (? date torn). Jul. 14.

From THOMAS BALDWIN (Boston) to JOSIAH WEST (Student, Brown Univ., Providence, U.S.A.).

A letter about finishing his college course. He wants permission to go to Ireland, and then to return to Providence, although his father has written Baldwin that he wishes him to finish at Dublin. Baldwin advises him, either way, to see the President, and get an honourable dismissal. Commends Dr. Jans to him as a faithful friend.

[John West had been at Soham, Carlton, Wantage and Waterford. It is not clear why he sent Josiah to Rhode Island; and Josiah made no mark on returning.]

150. 1821. Jul. 23.

From J. H. HINTON (Reading) to I. MANN (Bermondsey).

A letter meeting two charges that Mann has levelled at H. (i) His dialect, and (ii) His spirit. Re his dialect—"Your

complaint is that I *use* a peculiar phraseology." H. defends himself by saying that he must use terms best adapted to convey his meaning. "May I not put in a plea for liberty of speech?" Re his *spirit*—he has been charged with 'dictation,' 'vituperation,' 'scolding,' 'flogging' and 'lashing' my brethren." H. replies that the charge makes him "more afflicted, by my consciousness, not of guilt, but of innocence." "Moreover, the points in which I am reproved are those in which I have taken a deliberate and prayerful aim at usefulness." He defends himself by saying that the most displeasing parts of his speech most powerfully produce a spirit of self-abasement, and he has adequate testimony that that which might have offended some has been a blessing to others, and actually submits to M. extracts of such letters (but not given in these documents) "which will explain themselves."

151. 1824. Jul. 14.

From WM. WINTERBOTHAM (Horsley) to I. MANN (Shipley).

W. had heard privately of his appointment to preach to the students at Bradford on Aug. 4—but the official notification from Mr. Rawson was so long that it only reached him "yesterday." In the meantime he surmised that the Socy. had changed their minds, and he "had engaged himself out for the whole of August" and therefore regretted that he could not come to Bradford.

N.B.: A note in other handwriting, at the top of the letter, says, "author of History of America. Imprisoned for preaching two sermons four years and fined £200."

152. 1825. Mar. 28.

From J. FOSTER (Stapleton, Bristol) to JOHN DYER (Fenchurch St.).

In declining an invitation to take a service in London on account of ill-health and much work, F. blames Ryland for not having replied to a previous letter from Dyer in *unequivocal* terms that it was *impossible*, and thus causing D. to write again on the same project.

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