

Copy of Letter
to J. L. Archibald
14th Aug. 1849
sent by Mail
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Mr. Isaac A. Archibald

Dear Brother

The Board of Foreign Missions
of P.C. of Nova Scotia hereby inform you that
we have received with much gratification your
communication reporting particularly the
progress you had made up to the time of
abandoning N. Caledonia as a field of
Missionary operations and have been much
pleased with the intelligence from you through
the channel of letters to your personal friends
and relatives - so far as we have heard
we are disposed to approve of the course you
have adopted in conjunction with Mr
Geddie. We would have preferred your
being settled nearer to each other if
our feelings were to direct but we do not
presume to say that in this arrangement
you have not some rights. We wish
you to cooperate in every possible way
and strive together for the faith of the
Gospel and in the faith that you have

been keeping constantly in view the prospect
of being elevated to the Status of a Missionary
in full standing and have been pro-
secuting preparatory studies with all
practicable diligence we have recommen-
ded that you should be examined and
dealt with as your circumstances may
require and as early as may appear for
the advantage of our mission and the
Glory of the Great Head ~~of the Church~~
ordained a Missionary and invested with
all the Authority which such a commission
may confer Our Synod have directed
us to secure for you Presb. Ordination
and Mr Geddie has been instructed on this
point while at the same time we have
written to Messrs Sumner and Nisbet on
the subject We have added five pounds
Sterling to your Salary and granted a
similar allowance for your child
we presume that at a distance of

12 miles you will need a boat for
yourself and we agreed that if
necessary you provide one at our
expense We have also provided
for paying the expense of shipping
your Supplies &c We wish you
to keep and forward a journal
of details of your own doings as
occasion may offer

The peace of God &c Phil. IV. 7:8

By order

J. Waddell Cor. Secy

LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS
SENT BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS TO REV. J. GEDDIE.

Belle Vue, N. S., Aug. 19, 1849.
Rev. and Dear Brother—

In the instructions with which you were furnished by our Board, previous to your departure, it was intimated that we would add to them, from time to time, as occasion might require. We have not been hasty in redeeming this pledge, feeling that we could say little that would aid you in your preliminary arrangements, about which you well knew our views and wishes in general; and we had confidence that you would do what appeared best in the case. We have been much gratified from time to time at the journals you have sent us, all of which we believe have come to hand except those which record your voyage from Sandwich Islands to Samoa. Though we might not perhaps, in every instance, have concurred in your arrangements, we gave reason to believe that you were influenced by the best motives in the course you adopted, and the issue we think has proved that you were directed by counsels from on high; and though your route was circuitous, and your delay considerable, we are constrained to believe that by a way that you knew not you have been led most directly to a most promising field of future operations and usefulness. We are glad to find that your intercourse with the London Society Agents has been just what we anticipated, and that you are associated with them in your present field of action. We would have preferred, of course, that you had found New Caledonia accessible, as it had always been associated with our missionary enterprise; but we cordially approve of your choice of Aneiteum, under the circumstances in which you were placed. We will hope that God has work for you there, to do which will redound to his glory in the salvation of many souls. Your association with the London Missionary Society Missionaries, we believe essentially important; and we trust your co-operation will ever continue harmonious and effective. We can never think of assuming the Mission as our own while our resources are so limited and there remains so much land to be possessed. We are disposed to consider ourselves as entering into their

labours, and spending on the same ground such missionary resources as the Great Head of the Church may place within our reach. We are most grateful for the kind and efficient manner in which they have taken you by the hand; but it is our desire and our intention to bear all your expenses. Presuming that your expenditure for houses, lands and boat accommodation, &c., have been necessary and economical, we have transmitted money to meet your drafts for these so far as we have been advised. We have added £5 st'g to your salary, and provided for the expenses of freight of your supplies. Your mode of instruction and intercourse with the natives, is of ancient and honorable origin, and we hope in due time it will be abundantly successful. Our blessed Lord went about doing good, and you cannot be too earnest in season and out of season in following his example.

We have no prospect in the mean time of being able to send out another laborer to your assistance. We are anxious, however, that as soon as practicable, Mr. Archibald may be ordained as a missionary, and placed in a situation to be as extensively useful as he can be made.

We have applied to the Synod, and received instructions to take the necessary steps for his ordination, but they have restricted us to Presbyterian ordination. We request you therefore to take such steps, in conjunction with Messrs. Nisbet and Turner, to whom we have written upon the subject, or any other Presbyterian brethren within reach, as will enable you as soon as practicable to secure to yourself a brother of your own in full standing, to share with you in all the responsibilities as well in all the counsels which your trying situation may require. We will expect you to report your progress in this matter with all diligence. It has appeared to us that your distance from each other, so far as twelve miles, must make your intercourse less frequent than could be desirable, but we trust you are co-operating in the best manner for accomplishing the best ends.

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