XI Beaumont Square, Mile End,
London,

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Dear Brother in the Lord!

It's strange but blessed! So it goes now with the Lutheran Church, which truly now needs to walk in faith rather than in sight. I hoped to be able to give a definite answer to your dear letter of the 25th regarding the ordination of two brothers as missionaries for Australia, but I haven't been able to do so yet. I hoped that at least a part of my congregation would be allowed to emigrate, and thus I could say something definitive to Mr. Angas about my emigration; for he links the emigration of German missionaries to me, because he knows me.

I further hoped that the Zillerthalers would go to Australia, to whom the South Australian Company sent Mr. S. Jackson from Berlin, to explain the conditions of a settlement in Australia. But Jackson only traveled as far as Munich, where he heard that the Zillerthalers wanted to move to Silesia, and where he furthermore confirmed the truth of this matter in a conversation with the court preacher Kranss. Thus, it seems that the Austrian Company has once again in vain incurred costs for persecuted Protestants, costs for which I must consider myself responsible. This is indeed strange, but I still hope to finally have a happy outcome.

Mr. Angas and the company now rightly expect me to go to Australia, but I cannot decide to do so without the consent of my dear congregation. However, I currently have no information about the situation of my congregation, as I haven't received any letters for eight weeks. In the last letter, they hoped to receive passports, at least they inferred this from some remarks made by Kranss. Whether this will happen, perhaps to make room for the Zillerthalers by relieving the Lutherans, will soon be decided. May the Lord be in charge of this matter. He will soon help and has all things in His hands. When everything seems to be at an end, it is often at its best. If you, dear brother, and the society in Dresden perhaps learn earlier than I here that an emigration is possible, and it is decided to send out two missionaries in the belief that the Lord will provide everything that might still be lacking, then the two brothers could be ordained without having to write to me first and without my having to reply, as this would take up too much time. After all, it's possible that you will learn earlier what the Lord has decided in this regard than I will. One thing is certain, even the Lutheran missionary cause is

As the matter of the church is a true matter of faith, which falls outside the scope of most missions as they are currently conducted, and is more in line with the old missions and the first missions of the Brethren Church. Otherwise, it would be desirable for our missionaries to be able to earn their bread through agriculture or a trade, like Paul, Nitschmann, Leonhard, Dobeck, and others in times of need. At least, it does not seem to us that the Lord wants to show us, as He does to other missions, the way in which He intends to sustain us. Matthew 8:26 - 34, and Matthew 10 will surely become and remain a matter of faith and prayer for us. Lord, strengthen my faith!

As for the following letter: all one hundred pounds sterling per annum for five years have been pledged by Mr. Angas. However, if we should need more and how, when the five years are over and the existing source of funding dries up, the Lord will surely help us further, and we will certainly gladly ask Him to do so. It is possible that many more will follow the 60 - 70 Germans who have already migrated to Australia, so that the support of the mission from Europe will eventually no longer be necessary.

Amen.

The following transcript is, if I may say so, the literal mission document, the original of which I keep in my hands. Since you, dear brother, understand the English language, I will refrain from further explanations about its content. I would just like to note with gratitude to the Lord that we did not easily receive a pledge of 600 thalers per annum for two Lutheran missionaries in Germany for five years.

London, **July 8, 1837**

Revd Mr. Kavel,

My very esteemed Sir,
It is essential that no kind of misunderstandings should arise regarding my intention to establish a mission in South Australia for the civilisation and evangelisation of the indigenous people in this interesting country.

My expectation from your first intention to proceed to South Australia with your congregation was that you would assume the superintendence of the aforementioned mission in this colony, insofar as you would provide advice and paternal care. -

That one or rather two German missionaries with their wives should proceed to South Australia and establish themselves among the natives in the interior, and there they should structure the operations of the mission exactly according to the plan of the Moravian missionaries in Africa and other places where they settle among the uncivilised tribes;

And quickly, that I would engage in this mission with at least 100 pounds per year and as much more as I could raise in England; but in any case, I would guarantee this sum for five years, if I have to pay the amount from my own funds.

Moreover, I should feel that it is my direction to exercise my influence at home and abroad on behalf of this mission, as long as the missionaries demonstrate consistent conduct that deserves it.

If you do not depart for the new colony as suggested, this would change the entire proposal, as I do not know any of the members of the mission society in Dresden. Should you not go there, e.g. to South Australia, I think it would be better if English missionaries were among the Moravian brothers and were supported by this society in England, to which the aforementioned sums would be credited in this case.

These are my views, which I have explained openly and explicitly, and that no uncertainty of the fulfilment of my promise in the event of my death could remain, if the aforementioned agreement is adhered to, I should feel it my duty to secure the one hundred pounds per year through a clause in my will or by other efficient means.

I trust that the Lord will lead the brothers in this matter to the glory of this holy name and the conversion of many souls.

I remain with great attention,

your devoted

G. Fife Angas.

With the warmest wishes that a document like the one above may encourage us in the Lord's missionary work, and with the most sincere recommendations to the dear committee members, as well as to your beloved wife, I am

your brother in the Lord,

A. Kavel.

N.S.: If you might want to write to Schloßmann before he comes over to England, please show him my address. Dr. Steinkopf recently told someone who was asking about me that he didn't know where I live.