

Beloved brother in the Lord!

We have read your letter, dear Brother Schürmann, dated February 8th, c.a. [current year], which arrived at our place on September 20th, with great interest and joy. Praise be to the Lord, who has so far protected you both from all misfortunes and has granted you strength, health, courage, and hope for further endeavors. Therefore, we also urge and implore you not to grow weary, no matter how difficult and slow the work that has just begun may progress, but to persist in prayer, so that you may grow increasingly in self-denial, patience, strength, wisdom, and faith. We can also assure you that, if God wills, you will soon receive support from a few brothers, Meyer and Klose.

As for your intended relocation to the interior of the country, we fully approve of it, and indeed, we already considered it appropriate before. However, we advise you to wait a little longer until the arriving brothers have joined you. Then, at least two of you could go inland, while one or two could stay behind in Adelaide. For various reasons, we also consider it necessary that this station not be abandoned.

The artefacts of the wild tribes that you sent us arrived here in mid-October. We thank you for sending them and ask you, as before, to occasionally send us some more, especially if it's possible to send some natural products, as we are very willing to bear the costs involved.

So we commend you to the grace and protection of the almighty and merciful God, and greet you with the salutation of love and peace, as your

bretheren united in Christ.

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