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To the missionaries Teichelmann / Schürmann
in Adelaide.

Dear brethern, beloved by the Lord!

We correctly received your last mailing from March and forwarded the attachments immediately, but we have not received any request from Schleddehausen so far, which is why we haven't replied to you sooner. This is due to various important discussions here that require our attention. However, this delay now gives us the advantage of being able to consider some points more precisely than was the case earlier, as we have received several letters regarding these matters.

We are very sorry that you have waited in vain for our first letters for so long, but this was solely due to circumstances ~~beyond our control, through no fault of our own, as you will be convinced by the detailed letter that has finally arrived.~~ The other letters you thought you had lost were with our belongings in Hamburg, which you should have received through the mediation of the hopefully safe and well-arrived brothers Klose and Meyer. Furthermore, we wrote to you by post on October 5, 1839, announcing the planned dispatch of the brothers Klose and Meyer, and in July 1840, replying to your letters from July and November 1839, which you probably received ~~promptly after sending your last letter to us.~~ On the other hand, we did not write to you, mainly because we were expecting daily news of the successful arrival of the brothers Klose and Meyer.

As for your response to our aforementioned letter, we are delighted that your fraternal relationship has improved again. Of course, we would have preferred it if Brother Teichelmann's statements had been as straightforward as Brother Schürmann's, without the meticulous weighing and balancing of his guilt and the injustice he suffered. The more unconditional our acknowledgment of guilt before God and man, the better it is, and the deeper and more vivid the repentance. However, this exhibition only concerns the manner of expressing the matter itself. We are sincerely pleased about the improved understanding between you, and we are full of praise and gratitude towards God.

May you now watch and pray that you do not fall into your former mistakes again! May the siblings who have now arrived also help you to maintain a united community and thus fulfill the hope we placed on their departure to Australia, because through personal mediation, two dissimilar natures are more likely to be preserved in proper harmony than through written representations.

May the Lord bestow his blessing upon all your earnest efforts!

Regarding your previous financial difficulties, we now see things more clearly, as we have received several letters from Mr. Angas, as well as your latest correspondence. Nevertheless, we do not wish to engage in a detailed discussion, but will simply confirm that you are innocent in every respect. Due to numerous extraordinary expenses, Mr. Angas is no longer able to pay us an annual contribution of 100 pounds, after having promised us 200 pounds for two years. The 100 pounds specifically allocated to you by Mr. Angas is an aid from our side, and he will also transfer another 200 pounds on our behalf.

In addition, you drew on Mr. Angas once for 50 and later six times for 25, totaling 200 pounds; and 60 pounds were brought by the Klose and Meyer brothers in a bill of exchange to the bank in Adelaide. Nevertheless, you received a total of 560 pounds from Europe, and from friends there, according to your letters, you received 40 pounds from the governor, 40 from Christian friends through Pastor Stow, 15 from Mr. Flaxmann, and 2 from Jumanis, totaling 97 pounds. These 657 pounds will certainly last until next Easter or April; we assume 100 pounds annually for each of you, hence 500 pounds for two and a half years; we want to assume the same amount for the three siblings, hence 150 pounds for half a year. We regret that we cannot send you a new sum in April, but we console ourselves with the fact that you will receive the remaining 60 pounds from the Christian English and other unexpected support; moreover, we see from your letters that you have drawn on Mr. Angas again, but have not yet collected the money; you will do so if necessary, and we will ensure that Mr. Angas's bills are accepted. In this way, you are currently provided with the necessary funds; for the future, we do not want to worry anxiously, but trust the Lord to grant help here and there, which you need with Christian frugality to have food and clothing in godliness.

As for the future method of providing you with funds from Europe, we have indeed written to Mr. Angas in his penultimate letter that you would no longer draw on him in the future, but that we would send you bills. However, it now seems more appropriate for you to draw on him quarterly and in extraordinary cases, which we hereby write to you for your attention and will inform Mr. Angas at the next opportunity. We have no doubt that the latter will allow this, and we hope that you will never abuse the permission granted to you. If we have thus completely organized the financial matters in the way you have repeatedly requested, we hereby once again request that one of you keep proper records and send us a quarterly cash balance statement.

At our request, you both expressed your views on the purchase of a piece of land and the feasibility of cultivating it for the benefit of the mission, for which we are grateful. Before their reports had arrived, a couple of young men had agreed to go to Australia to pursue their civilian business according to the request in our twentieth annual report, and to operate it there for the benefit of the mission. With one of them, who possesses so much self-earned wealth that he can cover the expenses of the crossing, negotiations had already progressed to the point where we could hope that he would join the Prussian Lutherans preparing to emigrate to Australia in the spring. However, since the latter will not receive the funds they expected to emigrate to the aforementioned area, but will have to settle for going to North America, our dear friend has now decided to wait for the time being rather than making the expensive journey via England. We hope, however, that this is just a delay and that his plan will be implemented later. His name is Lührs and he is currently staying in Lüneburg. Pastor Wermelskirch knows him personally, but the other committee members will also meet him and get to know him better before his departure. Since we could not fully convince ourselves from your reports whether Lührs could be useful to the mission upon his arrival in Adelaide, and we did not want to put him in a difficult situation, we inquired with Mr. Angas about the feasibility of our project and received the pleasant assurance from him that he would recommend Lührs to his agent, Mr. Anton Forster, for masterful employment until we could use him ourselves.

We are very grateful to him for this offer, but we are not obliged to accept it at the moment, as a member of our association, Comites, who wishes to remain anonymous, has agreed to donate 100 pounds sterling to purchase a suitable piece of land following your report. In informing you of this new proof of Mr. *'s concern for your happiness, we also instruct you to look for a suitable piece of land and to purchase it with the assistance of experts.

If you draw the 10 pounds from Mr. Angas, we kindly ask you to write to us at the same time, so that the esteemed committee member can be asked to arrange the payment of ~~his generous gift~~ in London. We hope that you will exercise all caution in concluding this matter and take the company's interests into account as best as possible, because we are inclined to link the prospect of our mission becoming increasingly free from European support to this. We have no intention of withdrawing our assistance from you - how could we? - and we also understand that the time is not yet foreseeable when the mission can exist independently of European aid. However, we wish to express the goal to strive for, namely, that our Lord's cause may become self-sufficient. The more this aspiration becomes clear to the faithful members of our church here, the more they will feel motivated to come to the rescue with their assistance. We must work together.

The church cannot abandon you, but you must also demonstrate that you are serious about doing your part according to the local circumstances. So far, you have done your best by trying to make do with little and persuading the Christian-minded

Europeans there to contribute. Continue on the path you have taken, and you will not lack the faithful support of our church.

We regret to hear from our dear brother Cordes, who wrote to us from Cape Town on November 2nd, that he had successfully arrived there on October 30th and intended to leave again on November 3rd, that Father Kavel has passed away.

~~If this news is true, the congregation will be in a very difficult situation and it is expected that they will seek your spiritual support.~~ If this news is true, his congregation will be in a very difficult situation, and they have likely asked for your spiritual support. We assume that, no matter how unfavorable your relationship with dear Kavel and his congregation may have been, you would have willingly provided the requested assistance. We also tend to believe that the congregation will try to appoint you to temporarily, if not permanently, administer the preaching ministry there. Given the difficulty the congregation will have in obtaining another pastor from Europe, and the obligation of love we have towards our fellow believers and church members, you will not be able to avoid permanent ministry duties. However, we do not wish for this to happen in such a way that one of you leaves the mission and takes over the pastorate, but rather that you, as missionaries, serve the congregation alternately. For such a service of love, the congregation will undoubtedly express its gratitude, either through gifts of money and goods, or by having some suitable families settle at the mission stations and help manage and attend to external matters. In this way, the mission would gain significant benefits from the service of love it provides to the congregation, and it would contribute greatly to the foundation of the mission's independence from European support. Perhaps the journey of dear Lührs, if he does not wish to continue it, could be entirely avoided.

We regret to hear that Colonel Gawler has been recalled, as he has been so kind to you in all instances. May the Lord reward him for the good he has done for you and thus for us. We would have liked to have a conversation with his successor, Captain Grey, but we were only able to address him in writing and highly recommend our mission in Australia to him. Hopefully, he will show no less kindness towards you in his position as governor than he did in his role as a traveler.

Now we command you, along with the dear three siblings, from whom we expect daily news, to submit to the Lord and the words of his grace, who is mighty to edify you and give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified, as we remain devoted to you with brotherly love.

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