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To the Evangelical Lutheran Mission,
led by Mr. Teichelmann, Meyer, Klose, and Schürmann i
n Adelaide.

Dear bretheren, beloved by the Lord!

It's been so long since we've received any letters from you that we now fear you may have all died or that your letters to us have been lost. The latest news from our side will now already be in your hands; it's a private letter from Doctor Greuel, which Miss Emilie Zibell took with her. She will have also informed you of the changes that have taken place in Germany since then, and unfortunately, we cannot say that we now find the situation any better.

We would very much like to hear from you and about your effectiveness, and we kindly ask you not to keep us in the dark any longer. We ourselves take a keen interest in your progress and activities, and we would also like to respond to the frequent inquiries from the friend of this visit.

We have already informed you through Director Greuel's private letter of our wish that Brother Klose, to whom you sold the "Ebenezer" property for £150 and who has promised to pay off this sum in annual installments of £25 with four percent interest, would like to make his annual installment payments, including interest, directly to our Miss in Trankebar, if possible. We reiterate this wish here, and request that you send us the documents proving ownership of the property as soon as possible. We believe you have already fulfilled our first wish, as the first payment deadline expired at the end of the past year.

Our mission in East India is constantly progressing, from * Direct Brief.

* They have probably already informed you of the pleasant state of affairs there. If only the gentleman wanted to set off to Australia too! We understand that you are keeping a close eye on the mission there and will, in the meantime, deal with the various European settlers.

We ask you to kindly greet Pastor Keppler, who will have arrived by now. As for Miss Zibell, we hope that she has found a travel opportunity to East India.

By once again asking you to delight us with new signs of life soon, we commend you and your work to the grace of our Lord and Savior.

Leipzig, - - - - Feb. 1849

The Collegium of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission
in Leipzig (otherwise known as the Committee of the
Evangelical Lutheran Mission Society in Dresden)