

were two or three of my Friends, amongst the number  
M<sup>r</sup>. James Gordon who was intimate with the natives:  
but I could by no means prevail upon you. I had provided  
you good Accommodations, and a free Passage, I offered to  
pay your Expenses and take Care your Family, but  
all would not do - This strange Conduct was very painful  
to my Feelings, and made me completely despair of  
your ever entering into the work of the mission. I thought  
it would have been a satisfaction to yourself to visit the  
Island, and also to the Society: as you could then have  
stated, from your own personal Knowledge, what Prospect  
there was of establishing a mission amongst the natives.  
but my Hopes were too languid, they were greatly  
disappointed. I then informed you that as you would not attend to  
the mission in any way; or upon any reasonable terms  
I thought the Society would be justified in calling upon you  
to refund to them all the money that had been expended upon  
you, when in England, and since you came here; and that  
you might expect such a call as you acted so directly contrary  
to what they had Reason to expect. As far as respects the  
mission your Duty & your Conduct appear to me totally  
irreconcilable as a man professing Godliness. Had I been fully  
aware that you would have acted in this way I should long  
before this have applied to the Society for others to have supplied  
your place. If you would only be candid, and tell me what you