

and float it down the River convenient to the Depot  
 and being so much amongst the Natives, I learn  
 the Language very fast, I can converse with them  
 upon any common subject, and I have no doubt  
 but in course of time I shall get the Language  
 complete — I mentioned in a former letter  
 respecting Cloathing being sent out to the amount  
 of my Salary, which if you could make it  
 convenient would be of great service to us —  
 as Cloathing is very dear in Fort Jackson, and  
 I wear mine out very fast among the Timber —  
 and the Natives steal them whenever they can lay  
 hold of them; their Stealing is one of the greatest  
 evils that we have to guard against; but it  
 what we must expect from a people in a state  
 of nature — and may we have grace and strength  
 temporal and Spiritual adequate to our labours.  
 — and may we rely upon Him who alone is able  
 to bear up his people under all their trials —