

whole of his crew, or a part, and no public investigation  
 take place, to know by what means these men were killed  
 or lost. I have made several attempts, to obtain redress  
 for the injured natives, but have always failed: as the  
 Persons who were appointed to investigate these Complainants  
 at all times alledged that there was no law to punish  
 the guilty. I trust the Society will take this important subject  
 into their serious Consideration; as I see nothing in the way  
 to prevent the Spread of the Gospel, and the Improvement of  
 the civil Arts, but the Crimes of Europeans. you will  
 hear how greatly the mission to Tahiti has been  
 blessed. In the Society Islands many hundreds have  
 turned from the worship of dumb Gods to serve the  
 true and living God. The Spread of the Gospel amongst  
 these poor Heathens is wonderful indeed. King Pomare  
 writes like an Apostle. I shall send Home his Letter  
 to the Society addressed to the Rev. Mr. Bunker - It  
 will give great Encouragement now to the pious world.  
 when the missionaries about five years ago returned  
 from Tahiti giving up all for lost, and never intending  
 to return, I had much conversation with them relative  
 to the mission - At this time their Spirits were broke  
 and they despaired of the work. After a time they recovered  
 their strength a little, and their Spirits - I wished them to  
 return to their Station; as I was by no means satisfied  
 in my own mind with the Reasons they gave for  
 relinquishing the Cause. At length it was agreed upon  
 and they sailed for Tahiti with fear and trembling - I  
 was uneasy also, lest they should not prosper - but now we  
 rejoice with exceeding joy. <sup>I am on your side</sup>  
 Yours truly  
 J. Smith      James Harris