

never been a school since. ²² But now we have built a schoolhouse
thirty feet by eighteen, with a small apartment at one end ²³
raised seven inches above the floor intended for the teacher
and the European children, divided off by a low partition about
breast high. the whole is nearly completed, and then as soon
as provisions can be obtained, we hope that we will be able to
give some amount of a school. There has been a small book
printed at post-jackson for the use of the school, composed of words
and sentences out of our vocabularies, which Mr Kendall has
put together, and although very defective yet it will be of
some use, if it were but to teach them the Alphabet and a
beginning for further improvement, I find it is almost impractic-
ble to make Mechanics of them or to teach them the Arts at St. Paul
they are not arrived at that state yet, I cannot work amongst them
they pilfer the Tools so much, they have at different times stole
my working Axes so that I have not had one left to do any thing
with. And the Chiefs have very little authority over the lower
class especially in the recovery of any ^{article} stolen from us, Some time
ago a large party from Changanavaa visited our settlement, and
a powerful Chief along with them called Tiporce, and some of
his people stole my Saw, I went and acquainted him with it offering
him a reward if he would get again for me, he went amongst them
in a very mild manner, and found out who had it, but they had broken
it into four or five pieces, and divided it amongst them, and they
with some reluctance gave them out, but not without offering
some small reward for them, and although the pieces were of
no use to me, yet it served to give us an Idea of the authority
of the Chief, and I think that was almost the only instance