

me all the remaining articles which I want if he can
 possibly procure them by the next return of the steamer. I
 repeat the assurance ^{that} for supporting the School I shall be
 as frugal as possible. A great deal of money might be
 laid out upon the children all at once, but I do not
 really think it necessary. I am of opinion that to aim
 at a gradual improvement of their condition, or in other
 words, to encourage them to improve themselves, the Society
 will find by far the best way. With an handful or two of
 potatoes daily, and occasionally a fish & hock the children do
 at present very well. When we have no potatoes we must
 allow them some rice. We must also patiently overlook
 many things now which if it pleases Almighty God to prosper
 our efforts we shall find it ^{hereafter to attempt} our duty to improve and correct
 both in their Dress, customs, manners and even morals. When
 the Word of God shall be introduced amongst them, and
 sound in their ears, that will form the foundation for
 all that is excellent to be built upon, and while things
 of no less importance in their place are kept in our view,
 it will be well to direct our attention chiefly to such