

This I expect; but their misconduct will not prevent the
 Divine Purposes from being accomplished - I shall feel
 much more happy when the time comes if my Colleagues
 will feel themselves at liberty to espouse this important
 work. I do not hope for this favor under the present
 Administration. However, whatever may be the issue
 of this opinion, and whatever may be the opinion of
 the Society and my Friends I can solemnly declare
 that I have done all that my means or power or mind
 could do - unforeseen and distressing circumstances
 could not be avoided - and the heavy Expenses, from
 the misconduct of others cannot be justly charged upon
 me. A vessel must be maintained for some time yet;
 for the benefit of the natives, and the Comfort of the
 Settlers - and I hope the Society will see the necessity
 of this; and that the Head of the Church will
 open the Hearts of those who have the means to
 assist in this glorious Cause. Had I not persevered, in urging
 the missionaries of the F. M. S. from time to time to return
 to their work in the Society Islands, when they came despar-
 ing; and had given up the Cause altogether, and told me
 it was no use; the poor Heathens in these Islands would
 not now have cast their Gods, their Idols into the Fire -
 many of them now believe the Gospel, and nearly all profess
 it - nothing like this has happened since the Apostles
 Days - These are some of my thoughts to you, in my trouble
 and I am Dear Sir yours truly
 James O'Connell