

from the father & mother descending, to the eldest son or daughter. It is very remarkable but a proof of the above fact, no natives from different parts of the Island or even the Bay itself have come to settle near us. The natives have all of them as far as we can learn a fixed place of abode. The districts, fisheries, woods, villages, houses, have each their distinct proprietors. It is against the custom of the country for one native to trespass upon another native's possessions, and, I believe, it is seldom done except as a punishment for the breach of some public law, or custom, in inflicting which a whole party or perhaps a whole district will unite. The Burying Places belonging to a Village or family are also kept distinct. Nations who die a natural death (slaves excepted) at a distance from home, are conveyed by their friends to their family cave at a convenient time.

The six pairs of stockings from Mrs. Mann were received safe, and Mrs. Wendall writes in thankful acknowledgments to her for them. Our two daughters whom we left under the care of a pious friend at Fort Jackson until we were properly settled here are now with us. We have six children, & I bless God my family & all the settlers and children are in a good state of health. This is a very healthful and agreeable climate. We suffer nothing from excessive heat or cold.