

Mr. King has got a Rope walk made and is teaching some of the Natives to Spin twine and lay up small Ropes, and by patience and perseverance there is no doubt but they will improve some of present uncultivated Land for wheat agreeable to Mr. Manders instructions, I have kept five or six men at work these six months past clearing ground breaking up and sowing, I visited them constantly in my house and pay them for their labour, — I take the hoe myself and literally breaks up the fallow ground with them, If I could as easily do it Spiritually upon their hearts, I should rejoice. — And although our situation at present is of the unfavourable kind for cultivation, yet we expect some benefit will arise from it, and at the same time it is instructing the Natives, so that they may know the proper process, when a better situation is fixed upon. — and as soon as the wheat is sown and finished, I mean to teach the Natives to Saw Timber, I made a beginning upon that work when I was at Wytheville and they seemed to offer very well, they will require a great deal of patience and perseverance, but He that can furnish a table in a Wilderness can furnish his instruments with qualifications requisite for their work. —

I must acknowledge myself a very improper and worthless character, especially if as bad as represented. —

But the Lord has often done great works by very unlikely instruments, according to mans judgement. —

And He can when He pleases out of Stones raise up