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Am. June 24/19, by the "Regalia" Mr John King to the Sec^y.

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Rev and Dear Sir

Com^{rs}. (in Com^{rs}) June 22/19.

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I hope these few lines will

find you in good Health - as they leaves us at present

We are still going forward - tho' but slowly - here is

many hindrances which time, ^{alone} will remove - the

Trade the Natives have received from us - has not chang^d

ed their hearts so they ^{are} no better in heart or life

They are improving in reading & writing in sawing

timber and in making fishing Lines - Twine &

cordage, & agriculture - I have a good crop of wheat it

will be ripe this month - they receive pay & provision

for these things - it does them good - it keeps them out

of mischief it suplyeth their wants gains their attention

prepares the way for the preaching of the Gospel

while the Missionary is learning the Language &

preparing to preach to them - this is the strong bar

the great obstacle - not knowing the Language - and this

will take a person of good abilities some years to learn

I am greatly in want of a strong pair of Nuckles and Six feet

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Wheels if they was pulled to pieces & packed up in a box they
would easily ^{be} put together here -- I should be much obliged
to you if you could send them by the first conveyance. --
I should be able to employ more - this settlement is likely
to be burdensome to the Honorable Society at present
and I think it will be so untill the Gospel reaches their
Harts & enlightens their dark minds - and then it will
be likely that it will lessen - The natives are such
thiefs & begers - when large parties come they are so
troublesome that all work is almost stoped they pull
down our fences & take what they like they are
like wolves or wild men but thanks be to god they
are not allways here - At. We have had some heavy
Trials here - Thomas Holloway King My second Son
died Nov. 12. 1818. aged 3 years 9 month & 12 Days
he died of a consumption - we did not know his complaint
untill after his Death - therefore did not know what
to give him suitable to his case - we have been
protected - supported in the midst of Dangers fears & doubts
Pray for us we trust we have ^a good conscience willy to live
to & die in the service of Jesus Christ -

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May the Lord bless you & prosper all your labors
and endeavors to spread his Holy Name -

This last year the Natives have carried on
a great deal of war at a distance from us, I think
it highly prudent, if you would send positive orders
to this settlement that here shall be no more guns
nor Powder given away, nor sold in this place
by any that are in any way employed under your direct-
-tion you will hear from Mr. Kendall something
at bout this-- The Lord knoweth all things he is
well able to begin & to carry on his great work
of convincing & converting the most dark & hardened
sinners & the most depraved Heathen, he is
my only helper-- his work must prosper here
& triumph in his own time, be still & know that
I am god, I will be exalted among the Heathen & I
will be exalted in the Earth-- fare well at this time
The Lord bless you & Family, the God of Jacob defend & support
you is the sincere prayer of your most unworthy servant
John King

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