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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 Cov.) 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 suppleth 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