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filled with
joy and thankfulness at the fair prospects then before
me. And it is not the fault of the native children that
my harp is once more hung upon the willows. It is
because I have not been able to feed them for more than
five or six months during the past year. I have long since
declared, that if the children were not regularly fed
twice per day, with an handful of potatoes, or a little rice,
the school would be in a great measure deserted. I wish
Mr Marsden was directed to provide for the school as
a separate establishment; it will not answer for the
Schoolmaster, whoever he be, to depend upon the will,
or contributions of the settlers. One hundred pounds per
annum, should it be required, would only be a trifle
with the Society, and would well maintain fifty or sixty
Scholars. I wish only to give them just as much
as will keep them generally collected together; I do
not want to pamper them. I have told Mr Marsden
and Mr Pratt all I mean to say upon this subject;
whatever may be determined, I trust I shall do the
best I can; I have been very unhappy lately, having
wrought hard with my hands for two years in order
to procure necessary accommodations, and then to be