

be under the smallest temptation to private trade.
 This will prove a lance like the wedge of gold in
 the camp of Israel. Let me entreat you then to put
 away that accursed thing from amongst you. Perhaps
 you may not be convinced of the evils attending
 upon private trade. It will turn away your heart
 from God and that spirit of meekness, that heavenly
 mindedness which should reign amongst you will be
 lost. you will not be able to love as brethren, nor
 will you be kindly affectionate one towards another
 unless you be joined together in one spirit in the
 Lord. God has been very gracious to you since
 you have lived amongst the Heathens. He has
 preserved you in all dangers; and your wants have
 been supplied. I wish to write to you in the spirit
 of meekness, and to touch you in Christ's stead to
 lay no stumbling block in one another's way.
 I have to gratify no private feelings, excepting
 those of a Christian, in my advice. After reading
 all your letters and combining all the information,
 I perceive there is some thing wrong amongst you
 tho' I could not tell where the fault lay. But I
 was convinced it originated from private traffic
 and from this baneful trade, with many bitter evils
 springing up, and trouble you. As this is an internal
 evil, existing amongst you I am at a loss how to
 remove it, or where to meet it. I should be sorry
 to give an oven to the scabber of the Active, not to