

Family on passage to Port Jackson. Mr Gordon had been extremely idle, and seemed disposed to justify his improper conduct. when he was informed that the Rev Mr Butler was appointed Superintendent of the Settlement he said he would not obey any order he might give. I told him under such a resolution as that, he must retire from the Service of the Society, and, ^{to} also and his Family returned to Port Jackson in the Active. All these unpleasant circumstances were very painful to bear, and gave me much distress - when I looked round and saw what progress had been made in the Civilization of the Natives; this afforded me some relief, I saw that the Axes, hoes, Spades &c had done much to better the circumstances of the Natives; that these were the Missionaries and had turned their minds from the Pursuit of War to the cultivation of their Lands - The Natives made many pointed remarks upon the conduct of the Settlers: nothing passes without their notice. They are very partial to the Europeans, and are sensible of the great advantages they derive from the Settlers and do not wish to offend them.

I have sent you a copy of the regulations, which I proposed as a guide to their future conduct, and to which they all agreed in the full Committee - I hope now they will conduct themselves becoming their situation.

The Rev Mr Butler is an active Man, his heart is in the work, and I hope he is now put in the right way. He told me he should have returned, had I not accompanied him, when he saw the state the Settlement was in, he should not have had resolution to have struck at the root of the evils, traffic had been the cause, I always forbade it - I foresaw its evils, but there was no head upon the spot, to carry my instructions into execution, and therefore it could not be remedied. I found Mr Butler very ready to second my views as well as his colleagues who came from England.