

would men in their respective Stations, but I
 apprehend they would have been much more
 so had they not lost sight of their Duty to the Society
 and to each other - Their Commerce with the natives
 and shipping for Muskets and Powder excited their
 Avarice; and Avarice excited Jealousy, and both
 together destroyed all Christian love, and carried
 them so far out of their Duty that they could not
 ever meet at least to read the service of the
 Church on the Sabbath Day together - when
 I visited them in August last I found them all
 in a state of Contusion - I saw these evils to be
 exceeding great - but the difficulty was to find
 a remedy - I had for long time been conversing
 with them by letter against the nefarious Traffic
 of Muskets and Powder with the natives, and against
 all private Traffic but notwithstanding the Directions
 I had given - and the Resolutions which they entered
 into against this matter, I found it was still continuing
 and productive of every evil - I had a string of
 Resolutions, or Rules drawn up, which were read
 one by one in the Committee, and approved
 by the signature of them all - when these
 Resolutions were past I hoped a death blow
 was struck to this abominable, and disgraceful
 Evil - not many days after one of the old
 Settlers, (Mr. King) purchased a quantity of
 Hops with a Musket - I now despaired of
 ever preventing this evil, without all