

of this Settlement had be slain by the Chief of the  
Island of Islands, and 265 Prisoners of war taken away,  
while only one Chief had been wounded on the opposite  
side, and none killed - One party had muskets and  
the other had none. I wanted to know how Mr. Kendall  
as a Christian minister could reconcile these things to  
his mind - Mr. Kendall contended muskets were civilized  
weapons - I readily admit the force of his Argument,  
provided he could arm all the population of U. S. Island  
with muskets, and give all an equal chance of Protec-  
tion. The unarmed natives complained everywhere  
to me of the injustice of the missionaries in putting  
muskets into the hands of their Enemies to slay them.  
I laboured to convince the natives, that this was not the  
object of the missionaries in coming to U. S. Island, and  
advised the unarmed Tribes that the missionaries should  
do so no more - The more they barter away, and the  
more offense they will give to the Inhabitants in  
general, who cannot obtain them. It is not one hundred  
nor one thousand muskets that would satisfy a warlike  
nation as they are. Every man must have a musket  
before all would be satisfied. It is their warlike spirit that  
wants to be checked, and softened by the simple Arts,  
and Agriculture. I hope Mr. Kendall after all that has  
just will yield this point, and act differently - He has  
promised that he will - I did most solemnly assure him  
I would have no communication with him if he did  
not lay aside this matter - Mr. Kendall is well qualified  
for an useful missionary amongst these people in  
their present state, and I cannot doubt his sincerity,  
and pious wish to do them good - and he will do