

order that he might plough the land, and push forward  
the Concerns of Agriculture, which would soon render the  
missionaries independent of the natives for food - I was afraid  
Mr. Butler would interfere, and create difficulties, and therefore  
I directed that Mr. Francis Hall should have the Direction  
of John Lee - I had taken all the secular Concerns out of the  
Hands of Mr. Butler when I was with them at his own  
request, and wished him only to attend to his Clerical Duty,  
and the Instructions of the natives, but in no way whatever  
to interfere with the Europeans. Mr. Butler is a man of very  
strong Passions, and very obstinate - has no regular method  
of managing any public Concerns - nor will any Persons  
be comfortable under him from his unwholesome Temper -  
His Habits are not newly acquired, and they are now too  
deep rooted ever to be altered - I am sure those acquainted  
with him in England, must know what I state to be correct -  
I have told him verbally my opinion of his Disposition, and I have  
stated the same to him in writing, and have intreated him to  
act with more Propriety, but my opinion he never will.  
If he would attend entirely to his own Duty he might be  
useful, but as a Superintendent he never will answer -  
The Stores and all the secular Affairs ought to be taken out  
of his Hands entirely - I do not know that he has got  
Possession of the Stores, as I left them under the Charge  
of Mr. Francis Hall, and a more proper man can  
never be found for such a Charge, nor a more amiable  
man for a missionary - He is too far advanced in life  
to learn much of the Language, but he, from his Piety,  
Prudence, and mildness of manners will be a great Stay  
to the mission - It is difficult to find proper men for  
the work, nor can they be known till they are tried