

distance from our dwelling, which makes it in the rainy weather very uncomfortable, and indeed endangers Mr. Shepherds health; whose constitution is rather delicate. Should you think it well for me to build here you will be pleased to send me trade to purchase timber; and get it sawed; and should you think it imprudent for the present, you will send me enough to purchase timber for a barn, which I ought to have built this year. You will hear from Mr. Hall the state of the stone, and then you will know what to send me.

We shall I believe be very short of sugar before you can have an opportunity to send me any down; I believe there is none in the store, and I have got but little by me.

I should be glad if you will send me two bags of Rice for the Natives, as I think we shall not be able to get many potatoes from the Natives. The Natives we continually at strife amongst themselves, I have never known <sup>of</sup> so much plundering, as has been among them lately.

You will by my Journal see that I have not attended precisely to my instructions, I have I believe done as far as I have been enabled to the glory of God. I hope my eye will ever remain single, and my time be ever employed in promoting the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May we live to see the dawn of spiritual light here - which shall be the prayer - of  
Brother  
Your Obedt Servant  
James Shepherd