

Europeans to reside with him to instruct 75
his people. He offered each of us a farm all
ready for planting. We thanked him for his
kindness, but told him that it was of no use for us
to accept his offer, as we could not attend to their
cultivation.

This valley would be an excellent station for
Missionaries, from its population, the richness of its
soil, and its apparent tranquillity. It enjoys many
advantages as a missionary Post, which time will not
allow me at present to point out. While we remain-
ed here, we had long conversation on the advantages
of Education, Agriculture, Navigation, &c. The Chiefs
are, in general, very sensible men, & wish for educa-
tion on all subjects. They are accustomed to
public discussions from their infancy. The Chiefs
take their Children, from their Mother's breasts, to all
their public assemblies, where they hear all that is
said on Politics, War, Religion &c, by the oldest men.
Children will frequently ask questions in public conversa-
tion, and are answered by the Chiefs. I have often been sur-
prised to see the sons of Chiefs, at the age of 4 or 5, sitting
among the Chiefs, & paying the closest attention to what
was said. The Children never appear under any embar-
rassment when they address a stranger. In every vil-
lage, the Children, as soon as they learned any of our
names, came up to us and spoke to us with the greatest
familiarity. At the age of 8 or 10, they appear to be in-
troduced into all the manners and customs of their an-
cestors, by being the constant companions of their
Fathers, and attending them in all their Public coun-
sels, and in the field of Military Glory.