

17 Priest whence they came, as I had seen nothing like them in any  
20 part; he said Mowhee dug them out of the bed of the River at the  
time he made the Channel. They attribute to Mowhee many of the  
natural productions in the Island. After conversing with them on  
the motion of the earth, the relative situation of other Countries to  
their own, the number of Moons a Ship would be sailing to different  
parts, what Countries produced Iron, Coal, Wheat, Wine, Spirits, Tea  
Sugar, Rice &c and what Articles their own Country was capable of  
producing, when once they had the means to grow them; all these  
subjects gratified them very much: and during the conversation,  
they often made many judicious observations, expressing their ardent  
desire that they might only be able to try what their Country w<sup>d</sup>.  
do, we closed the day with reading a portion of Scripture,  
singing a Hymn and Prayer. At day break this morning we  
heard the Lamentations of the poor Widow on the Summit of  
the Hill, weeping for her children. Her Affliction of mind was  
very heavy. She was left wholly to the feelings of nature,  
which appeared to be intolerable. The consolations of Religion,  
could not pour the oil of joy into her wounded Spirit. She  
knew not God, and evidently had no refuge to fly to for relief.  
In the fullest sense of the Apostles meaning, she was without  
hope, and without God in the World; Her Situation will apply  
to the whole of her Country, when under any Affliction. I am  
informed they will sit for Months, night and day, mourning  
in a similar manner; for the loss of their dearest relations.  
What infinite blessings Divine Revelation communicates to the  
whole body of a nation who are favoured with it, can never  
be estimated. The Knowledge of the only true God, spreads its  
genial influences to the King on the Throne, and thro' all the  
different ranks of his subjects, down to the Condemned Felon in  
his Cell. The wickedness of men, however great in a Christian  
Country, cannot prevent Divine Revelation from imparting its  
common blessings to them, any more, than the barren soil  
can prevent the sun from imparting its genial rays. I  
have been accustomed to attend for more than 20 years condemn-  
ed Criminals, and I never met with an instance, however  
great the guilt of the Felon might be, but his mind was  
relieved, from the common Knowledge of God, when under  
the prospect of a speedy execution. He would plead God  
was merciful, and upon that Attribute he built his Hope,  
and that Hope, would support his mind, more or less, till  
he was launched into Eternity. In a Christian Country, to  
whom do ungodly persons, in the day of trouble fly for relief,