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of the boats returned with part of our Baggage
and one went to the station of the Rev Mr
Williams. All the Brethren rendered every
aid in their power to provide for our comfort
and to secure our Baggage for which we are
their debtors. When the boats returned they
brought the welcome news that all were well
on board. It was a great mercy that the Rev
Mr Leigh appeared not to have suffered much
injury from the wet and cold while we were
confined on the Island tho in so weak a
state, and Mrs Leigh bore our dangers and
privations with much patience and resignation.
Divine wisdom no doubt has some
good ends to answer in all that has befallen
us. The word of God expressly says "All things
shall work together for good to them that
love God," and the scriptures cannot be
broken. We cannot see thro this dark and
mysterious dispensation at the present time.
The why and the wherefore we must
leave to him, who ordereth all things accord-
ing to the counsel of his own will. As
the Gale continued with increasing violence,
if we had got out to sea, we might have
been cast on shore under more dangerous and
distressing circumstances. Our Shipwreck has
been a most merciful one, as no lives
have been lost, nor any thing but the Ship.
The Natives have also behaved exceedingly
well ^{as yet}, and respected our property. We
should not have been so kindly treated