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forbearance - and in addition - tho' the vice of  
Slander has greatly badened every other indivi-  
dual in the Mission - and I fear in some instan-  
ces not without some truth - yet does he &  
his partner stand alone - none charging them  
with any acts of impropriety - you will there-  
fore rejoice that there has been and still is a  
little leaven - by which the whole may be leavened

The great evils of the Mission I trust  
are now removed - and I hope the blessing  
of the Lord may now descend amongst us  
and preserve us in that peace - union - and  
brotherly affection which has not yet been  
visited

Mr. Marsden has taken effectual steps  
to break off that intercourse with the Shipping  
which has long existed & been the foundation  
of all the mischief

When I consider the Natives - their noble &  
dignified appearance - their pertinent re-  
marks and questions - their obliging disposition  
with a high sense of honour - which they possess  
I cannot but view them as a people of great  
interest - and one which our Almighty Father  
will ere long adopt for his own: they are  
desirous of Missionaries - they will receive  
instruction - both men women and children  
have the utmost confidence in us - and I  
have now many who wish to leave their  
little ones with us - but for the reason above  
stated I am obliged to decline for the present.

Their observance of the Sabbath is for their  
very great - they know when it arrives as  
well as we do - and distinguish the day  
by wearing their European cloths - and abstan-  
-ing from work - our settlement on that day  
is perfectly quiet - the head Chief with his  
wife - and many others generally attend  
our services - and frequently family prayer

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