

The Ioulaks are as far as I can learn peace-
able but principally attached to Mahomet and
indeed that rigidly. The Mandingoes are a very
cheerful simple People. but much given to stealing
such as far as I can learn from my own observa-
-tion of them & inquiries made. of them are the
People inhabiting the Banks of this River
What I would be leave to propose with all sub-
-mission is the following

That St Mary's should not be made the principal
-point of attack. but that on this Island land
should be procured an house erected & one Mission-
-ary placed there. he himself might find
-plenty of employment in keeping School & preach-
-ing & there would then be a place for the
reception of those who might arrive before their
departure for the interior & from this Missionary
all intelligence might be forwarded to the different
Stations. And here also a District Meeting might
be held both for that River & also Sierra Leone
the Chairman residing at either of the places.
You might think proper. But still I conceive
the interior should be the point of attack and
that entered upon as soon as any thing like a
settlement could be made at St Mary's without
which the Missionaries would labour under
difficulties unknown in other stations. The settle-
ment which the Governor has made is I think
called Telibar and only 100 miles up the River &
also said to be healthy. Why I think St Mary's
should not be the principal point of labour is
that here on this small Island the population
is indeed & must be limited. It hardly now contained
300 & the white People are such an hindrance
to the gospel. The Arabic language would be a
most essential qualification for Persons intended
for this River as a knowledge of this would instantly
command respect from these People. and give
him an opportunity to answer all their objections
in a way he could have no hope of doing by any
other means. Could the first and immediate of this be

obtained in England it would be very desirable
to make the attaining it here with fluency and
very difficult. Why it would be harder to obtain
here is that these People can scarcely any of them
talk English any way correctly & therefore know
not how to express themselves. I think however it
might be attained if closely pursued in a few months
I should get up morning & go into the open air
& repeat aloud as their Boys do here who are
learning which is certainly the best way as you
then let their manner of pronouncing it.

What I observed before of Persons being trained
also go to these Stations I can assure you I
feel still to be my decided opinion. I feel
them after I feel willing to work here or
any where else you think proper to send
My only desire is to be in any place

March 7th By this vessel will go a second
of exchange for £120 the first of which went
a short time by the West Indies with a
letter of advice to you. As I said there in the
letter I should not have drawn for so large
a sum as £120 as I am now by myself. I
know not how soon I may be ordered away
from here, but the house is not yet finished
Roofing, & as soon as that is completed I will
send home my full accounts. as every penny
I draw, shall be satisfactorily accounted for to you
I know not when my help is coming but I hope
not this side the Rainy season as it would cross
render their danger greater. Among other gloomy
things in anticipation is that of having my house
broken open & robbed. It has been twice attempted
the next house actually broke open & robbed to
the amount of several Pounds. I have thought
been obliged to arm myself. This I trust need not
have the receipt of using them which would
never be done but when my life is at stake
but a knowledge of my being armed will soon
spread & I trust deter them from the attempt
I think had I am at present in good spirits &
hope to be able to labour this season without
fear to any one else. (Yours respectfully)