

we have a great reason to lament; yet we must not despair. The heavenly Father
thing will prosper. & Emmanuel, why ^{shall} the wheels of thy chariot stop? But in this
glorious work we must be labourers, for how can they hear without a preacher, and
how can they preach unless they ^{be} sent? I have it in contemplation, when the
dry season sets in, to visit the country, the towns and villages in the neighbourhood
of Freetown. [Carrying on a mission in this place is expensive, as all things are
dear,] And the Society but small, tho' faithful, if ^{it were not} for the great
expense I would have certainly petitioned the Committee for another preacher; ^{then}
with whom were we now, ^{one could} be in the town, and the other could visit the neighbourhood. ^{visit}
~~their towns & houses & visit them and pray with them.~~ But this I must leave at
present, hoping to see better days, in every respect. [We meet with every encouragement
from his excellency the Governor, Col. MaCarthy.] When Mr. Swift went to Hogbrooke,
there was no one to superintend the Colonial School. I offered my service for a time, which
was accepted of. And when his excellency got ^{Mr.} Sutherland to engage in the school, he
wrote to me, as follows: Sir, His excellency, the Governor, begs to return you his
sincerest thanks for the very handsome manner in which you came forward, to perform
the duty of Schoolmaster of this Colony. His excellency feels highly sensible, of your services on
the occasion, and requests me to inform you that he has accepted of your resignation.
Mr. Sutherland, ^{who} is appointed to succeed you, ^{who} will enter upon the situation to-morrow.
I am, Sir, your Obedient Servant. ^{Thrilford} ^{then}. ^{When} Mr. Grant, who had a salary of
100, ^{was} going to resign the girls' school, and as there was no ^{person} capable of superintending
that school, I sent word to his excellency, that Mr. Swift would ^{take} the school for a time,
not for the sake of any emolument, but for the sake of doing good; he would take it until
his excellency could get a fit person. ^{for the situation.} He was much pleased at it, and the next day, ⁱⁿ
going home from dinner from his excellency, I saw the following printed Notice posted up.
"Notice. Mrs. Grant expressed a wish to resign the situation of Schoolmistress. Notice is hereby given
that the children who now attend her school, will in future be instructed by Mrs. Davis, who has
voluntarily & gratuitously offered to superintend their education, until some other ar-
rangement take place. Such persons ^{as} have children under their care, ^{and} of an age to receive
instruction, are requested to send them to Mrs. Davis, at such hours as they may point out. ^{By} ^{Command}
Thrilford, Sec." But as Mr. G. has not as yet resigned, ^{the affair is} not quite settled. There is a number
of captured negroes in the town and the neighbourhood. ^{They} (particularly the girls) that
are in the colony are to be fitted, as also they are exposed to every vice and wickedness
and are long to find that it is Europeans in general that send the law, and consequently
such are hardened against the Gospel when they are but tender plants. I am obliged to
you for the Reports and the Magazines, as I assure you they give us much pleasure in
this distant land. Should be very glad to have the wealth but perhaps at a future period
you may have an opportunity of sending them. [The Church Missionary Society are going to
make a large settlement on a hill called Leicester Mountain, about ^{four} miles from
the place, which, in my opinion, is a good plan for this Country. They will then have
the place immediately under their eye. And in a very happy and agreeable

for the money, we were necessitated to pick them up
in extravagantly high here. I have seen a small brass
chest of drawers for 16^s. lately I have lent the trustees
respecting board, we can not possibly (and live somewhat
3- per week and I assure you, Sir, that that will
I have sent the account up to June 20. And the
they think best either allow the sum, or lend the
have such things we can buy our provisions cheap.
I do not want any advantage. But as I sincerely
wishes us to be comfortable, it ought to be copious
have some portion of wine every day, which I
I have tried, for as soon as you drink it, it is
Indeed, Sir I feel at this moment, very happy
doing. When I reflect upon the love of God to
lost in London and praise - I am much pleased with
other missionary meetings. Surely the
days, that angels desire to look into, but glory to look
can see further, (even in Africa) into the work of
the realms of light (Gozoians by the Sea of Eden) meet-
ing on this glorious work, I am full of love my soul
times with you now at Conference. May the Lord
A Missionary prayer meeting here, the first time
Mr. Southey writes with me: he is a very fine
or effort in the Chapel at any time, if I can
wishing you every happiness, I am ever
please to present our love to the ^{you} with
letter from Saml. Fleming, for which see
I am, Sir,
Yours, &c.
To the Rev. Mr. Pringle