

Rooted & Grounded. Europeans have prejudices, and Churchmen may have jealousies: which would more sensibly operate against the Itinerant plan, than if it were fully established, and matured, by European Missionaries. The force of this remark may appear to the Committee when they are informed that the population of the country villages, consists of recaptured people, who are educated by Government, Superintended, and taught religion, by Church Missionaries, or Schoolmasters, &c. I am led to think, the means of introduction into the Ministry, (I mean the subordinates) in the local Indies, are not as enlightened and pure as in England. We are surrounded with fallen Preachers of Colour, who have received assistance and encouragement from different religious societies at home: and the present Preachers of Colour are hardly as full of their own wisdom as they can be made, if you converse with them they will occupy four fifths of the time, and set up themselves as your instructors. It is absolutely necessary that the second Missionary should have clear and extended views, of our doctrine & discipline, that he might assist your present Missionary, and in case of his sickness, death, or removal, be safely intrusted with the Management of the Society. The Committee have not been led to judge, in "thinking this Climate more favorable to West Indians, than Europeans." It has been found equally (if not more) fatal to the former than to the latter. Your Missionary is very uneasy in his present situation; and anxious to be connected with persons, of the purity of whose statements, motives, & actions the Committee can entertain no doubt. He owes his all to Methodism: is by choice a Methodist Missionary, and trusts, that he is not sacrificing to the Dust of the flesh; but striving to walk according to God in the Spirit: that he may be approved as a faithful steward of the Grace of God. He is not weary, nor ashamed of his work and connections; but accounts the preaching of the Gospel his happiness and glory: nor does he repent becoming a Missionary, though he has seen various and complicated afflictions at the hands of the Lord. He hopes that his love to the cause

is superior to every personal consideration, of affluence or honour. If the latter had been his object he must have pushed and adopted a different course to what he has done, to approve himself as a pious and useful Missionary, to the Committee, and his God, is the highest object of his ambition on Earth.

I am sorry that my indisposition prevented my giving the Members their last Quarters Ecketts a few days back; however I found many of the people advanced in love to one another, and to their adorable saviour. We had 3 who died happy in their love of Jesus. Joseph Brown who for upwards of 30 years was a peaceable, steady, pious & useful, leader & local preacher, whose manliness were puff'd up in their vain minds, and fell into the snare of the devil, by divine grace he stood, bore the heat & bristles of the day. He paid two visits to England, and was kindly and highly respected by the late Rev. Mr. Brown. In a letter sent by the latter, is this honorable testimony "Brother Brown's piety and sincerity has won him to his friends in London, and to me in a particular manner, and I am happy that I have been able to serve him in any little matter." This servant of God grew old in the service of his Master; gradually sunk under the pressure of infirmities and years; and on May 31st 1818 his happy spirit entered the paradise of God. On the following morning I improved the circumstance, to a crowded & well dressed congregation, and then committed his body to the grave till the resurrection. I have introduced 3 young men as local preachers, who appear to have sound piety & mind - with their assistance regularly supply our congregations at Soldiers & Portugues Barracks at each we have a little Church of Christian believers. 4 of the 10th Soldiers, are now converted, and walk as becometh the Gospel. Our number will be about the same as last Quarters 150 members.

God on my freedom and believe me your
Affectionate and Grateful

Servant Samuel Brown

Mr. Dr. London come he will doubt not find much
interest in by leading a class on 7. P.S. Please present
my kind regards to Mrs. Marsden. Please write me.