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Brother Gideon

Late Emma got home last Thursday and brought us several letters from you and your brother for which we sincerely thank you. You do not mention whether you had received all the letters which I had written and it seems to me probable you had not when you wrote. Though you have written to us much there are still many things more that I would like to have been informed of. When is Mr. Libbey? What is Mr. Prescott going to do &c. &c. A letter from Mr. McPollet informs us that he has left with Mr. Libbey for us 50 dollars in addition to the \$10 for which he gave us an order before. You are hereby authorized to call on Mr. Libbey for the same and give a receipt in our name if however he wishes to have a formal order from us please inform us and we will send one when we shall have an opportunity. I thank you for your attention to settling our business and am glad you have got so well through with it. There are some omissions as the flour and coffee which I let him have last winter & our passage up. If you should think of it when you have an opportunity of mentioning it to Mr. Libbey himself please do so otherwise say nothing more about it unless the subject is mentioned to you.

I am glad to see you improve so much in writing whilst I am getting to write worse. Our Indians say they will start on their hunt tomorrow & Ulpiza hduza is going down to see the agent I am told; and I am writing this to night to have it ready to send with him but I am tired and write very badly. We have gathered our turkeys today and I have been busy helping to haul them in long since dark. We have a great crop of them all of the white kind. Our kind neighbours have been urging us to gather them for a month because they were starving them so fast that soon all would be gone. I suppose not much short of half the crop was stolen yet we have given away today about 30 bushels and have more than 50 left to eat and give away.

If your brother has not already done it please tell him to write to Greene immediately and inform him of the arrival of our boxes which Tete Mima brought to Le Bonvols and also instructing his own affairs.

From the tone of Mr. Stevens' letter to me I am persuaded that he has written to Boston things about your brother which will go to lessen your brother's standing with the Board. I am sure I have no wish to do an injury to Mr. Stevens. But justice is justice and we should be just to our selves as well as others & your brother owes it to himself to the cause in which he is engaged and to us also after what he has written to us and we to the Board to write not a list of charges against Mr. I but a plain state

ment of Mr. Stevens' conduct towards him and an exact account of what property belonging to the Mission Mr. I has left with him. A frank full clear statement of facts without any reflections to aggravate or palliate is what the Committee will desire and ought to have without having to ask for it.

We on yesterday commemorated the death of our Lord & Savior for the first time since my return. Mr. Hickey partook with us for the first time so that there were 2 connected with the Mission & 21 others. Though several of our members had recently been in quite ill health they all came except the two who have been suspended & Tete Mima's two wives & Tete Mima who has not been in this neighborhood for some months. I trust our glorious Savior was with us notwithstanding our unworthiness. I found it a real precious season to my soul and trust it was so to others. Though you be few in number I hope you will not again neglect as you have done to partake of this precious ordinance.

We sympathize with you in your difficulties and would feel for you much more than we do but that we know that the Lord is infinite in wisdom & goodness and often makes those things which at the time seem most adverse prove most advantageous to us. Perhaps he has sent the Indians away for a season that you may have more time to study and be better prepared to preach to them when you shall have opportunity. When the ^{mess} comes in like a flood as he seems to do about you it is said the Lord will lift up a standard against him.

Stay your souls on God and rejoice in Him for
in him is everlasting strength. If you should again
have any opportunity of communicating with Major
Taliaferro please present him our thanks for the
good advice he gave the Indians from this place.

I am your Brother
Thos. S. Williams

Matavola

Regatta stone

Mr. Gideon H. Pond

Lake Harriet

Recd and answered Oct 24th

Tateklima brought home with him 2 small keags of whiskey &
next morning after drinking of it ~~shook~~ ^{shook} his brain out
ici kte keag. Since my return he had been very indolent
in discharging his office which he had inherited from his father and
suppose had not succeeded according to his hopes he has gone to judgment