neither Mr Wilson nor the Board of whom he has been so useful an Agent have any right to complain of the laws of our Colony which were then in existence when he sought our infant settlement as the field of his missionary labours — It is well might any stranger land upon the shores of these United States and take exception to any of the laws of the country which might not meet the approval of his capricious fancy. The Society here have done all in this matter that could be reasonably expected, it was ex gratia exempted the missionaries who have this country as such from the performance of militia and Jury duty — By the latter clause of the 34th Section of the said ordinance it was provided that no persons shall carry on trade of any kind in the territory without the license of the agent being first had and obtained. The Society by this ordinance left this matter of regulating trade &c in their own power to be exercised as occasion might arise — And the agent and his council felt themselves called upon, on account of the repeated complaints of the Colonists to restrict the dealings of the Missionaries in merchandize, to the natives, or in other words, to say to the Missionaries, if you employ the colonists you must pay them in money or in merchandize at its cost. The only effect of which regulation is, to secure the Colonist money for his labor, and not articles of merchandize — and as the supply of labor was far greater than the demand, some such regulation was imperatively called for to protect the

Colonist from being compelled to take merchandize at exorbitant prices for his labor. Believing that this Society owes it to itself and to the great cause in which it has so long laboured, to vindicate itself before the bar of public opinion from the charges contained in the report which has this been briefly reviewed, your committee would recommend the publication of the letter of your president to the Rev. Mr Anderson of the date of July 5th 1838. This letter enters very fully into the subject and gives strongly and forcibly the views which your Society, after mature consideration holds upon these various matters — In conclusion your Committee cannot take leave of the subject without expressing their deep regret, that this difference should have arisen with the Revd. Mr. Wilson, a name which they have long regarded as one of the brightest in the missionary field or with the representative of a Church with whom two of your Committee are connected as members and office bearers

William H. Giles
George Morris
J. H. McCulloh

On motion it was

Resolved, that the day for the sailing of the vessel be fixed by the Executive Committee

On motion the Board adjourned,

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