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My Dear Sir:

The Hornet brig Lenny leaving for Menou-
via, I embrace the opportunity to send a few lines. For the last 4 mos, I have
been quite sick - hardly able to attend to any business; and to add to my affliction
I have met with nothing but losses on the part of the Society. On the night of Nov 1,
1847 being a stormy one, the Schooner boat King James drove on shore at Gar-
raway beach, and was a total loss, on account the perfidy of the Tudee people,
who seized the hull & cut it up, during the absence of the crew, who went over
to Black Mills to get something to eat. Before leaving her the Master & Black
Will begged Andrew the Headman not to have her disturbed. This he promised. The
crew saved her sails, her cargo, anchor & chain and about 40 pounds of coffee.

On Sunday August 1st about noon, the Schooner Cavalley on her return
from Garraway with over 1000 gallons oil in her hold, capsized when within a
mile or so of the harbor. The wind was blowing quite fresh & in puffs at the
time. I was sick and when the report first reached me, could hardly credit
it. For two or 3 days the wreck remained almost stationary and we did all
we could with the aid of the cutter Star about 50 tons to tow her into the
harbor; but all our fastenings broke. She then drifted by the Cape, and got fast
and nearly opposite the Devils rock, when I renewed my efforts with the aid
of all our small boats in the Colony - but in vain - they were too light. We only
succeeded in getting off her sails. After this the wreck drifted more out to
sea and has been seen to N. W. of Grahway reef, apparently anchored.

As the Supercargo & Master of this vessel were willing to assist me in
recovering the hull, I have made two unsuccessful efforts to find its true posi-
-tion. The Grahway fishermen all say they have not seen her for two weeks,
whilst a canoe from Cavalley say it is still there. This unforeseen calamity has
come upon me like a clap of thunder - all my arrangements are frustrated
about trade to Leeward; and I believe, this, & the absence of part of my family,
have been the means of prolonging my sickness. All my hopes now are that
she was insured, & that the Board will only sustain a partial loss.

I am in hopes, if the Packet remain on the Coast 3 mos. to be able
to send you 100 pounds on the Societys account. I have now 70 pounds
on hand a second time - over 50 of which I could deliver immediately - Our

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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