

and now I would ask how can the people get along, some  
two or three are making themselves rich, while the others  
are suffering; and if they have anything in the store  
to let the settlers have, they cannot get it without an  
order from the Governor, and he will give the order  
if he feels like it, and if not they must suffer not-  
withstanding they have the money in hand, to pay  
for what they want.

We have a paper currency redeemable  
at the store, with goods: and they never have any thing that  
is fit for any thing, that they will let you have for it, and  
in the other stores they will not take it at all, and  
you cannot get that money but seldom, the Gov-  
ernor will not give a great many any thing to do  
at all, there are only a few that can get work to do.  
You know it has been said that the people are lazy,  
I will acknowledge that there are some that will  
not work, but there are others, that would work  
night and day if they could get it to do. The  
fact is we have no encouragement whatever. There  
are a great many old women that cannot get  
anything to do, and what they are to do I cannot  
tell. If the Society would have a large Cotton,  
Coffee, and Sugar farm, and give these poor old  
women work, they would do it and be glad to do  
it. But when they left the U. States they had no  
money to keep them from suffering, and to help  
themselves, neither can they get anything to do here.  
And another thing, it seems to me that the Society does  
not know how things are conducted, the Agent  
lugs up goods that are fit for nothing at all, and  
sends out, and now let me ask you if they spend  
their money for goods, why do they not send out  
such goods as will be of some good.

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II. Correspondence Received

A. Letter Books

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