

Edgartown April 2nd 1836

Dear Sir

The time is now come when duty calls upon me to report to you my doings as Missionary to the Indians, and I hope this report of my labours may be acceptable to the Corporation as they have been pleasing to me. I have ever considered education an object of the first importance; therefore I have bestowed special pains to promote the interest of Schools among the Indians with whom I am privileged to labour.

I have petitioned the Legislature for assistance, and obtained fifty Dollars. I employed Mr Coffin as teacher two months. He was a young Man well qualified for teaching and gave great satisfaction to the Indians.

At Nantucket I have taught School four weeks, forty scholars attended. The Town employs a Woman through the year. The money therefore which I formerly paid, for a woman School, I paid for other schools. The Sabbaths I have generly spent at the Baptist Meeting house, sometimes in company with Mr Lincoln, sometimes in company with Mr Pierce. We have had a small, but a respectable Congregation. The coloured people have also a Methodist Meeting house and a Minister. At Gay Head I have taught school four weeks, and have employed a woman eleven weeks, and Mr Coffin three weeks. Thirty one scholars attend my school.

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The Sabbaths I attend with them and at suitable times take a part in the service. The number who attend may be sixty or seventy. The temperance society is doing much good.

At Chabaquiddick I have taught school four weeks, and employed a woman eight weeks, and Mr Coffin three weeks. In my school twenty five Indians, and eight white children attended. Our meetings on the Sabbath are attended as well as we could expect; usually from twenty five to thirty.

At Christiantown I have taught school two weeks, and employed a woman twelve weeks, and Mr Coffin two weeks. In my school ten scholars attended. On the Sabbath twenty or more commonly attends. The temperance society is in a flourishing state.

At Naragansett I have taught school four weeks, and employed a woman fifteen weeks. Thirty six Indians and eleven white scholars attended. The sabbaths I have spent with them and have taken a part in their religious meetings. Their Elder is a friendly Man. They have a temperance society which has been productive of much good. All the Schools have been taught seventy two weeks, free from expence to the Indians. One hundred and forty two Indians, and nineteen white Children have attended. Mr Merchant a Baptist Missionary frequently attends with me. We have thought that by writing our labours, our usefulness would be greater. The state of society improves. I am treated with kindness by the various Tribes. My endeavours

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through the goodness of God, have been crowned with greater success, than even I anticipated, and I hope my usefulness is not yet ended. With respect I remain your obedient servant

Frederick Baylies

Note. For several years past the Indians were frequently supplied with Preachers from other quarters. This circumstance has given me an opportunity to attend more particularly to the Sabbath Schools, where I trust I have spent my time with profit to the rising generation. The year past I have resumed my former labours, and have met with them as their preacher and I trust to general satisfaction

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