

turn; in the mean Time, the Rev. Mr. *Brown* supplies his Place.

Besides these Attempts, and several other occasional ones by several Missionaries, one of which, by Mr. *Beach*, he saith, was frustrated by the Dissenters prejudicing the *Indians* against him*; there was a Resolution taken by the Society in 1743, to essay the Conversion of the *Moskito Indians*, which Mr. *Hobart* hath misrepresented. He saith, *the Society spent so much Time in endeavouring to persuade either the Indians themselves, or the Government of Jamaica, to support the Missionary, that though the Letter from the Indians requesting Assistance, bears Date May 19, 1739; yet Mr. Prince at the Time of his Death, July 25, 1748, had not reached the Place of his Mission* †. Any Reader would conclude from hence, that the Letter from the *Indians* was either written to the Society, or instantly communicated to them, and that the Delay arose wholly from their Unwillingness to part with their Money on the Occasion. But the Truth is, that the *Indians* applied in 1739 to Mr. *Trelawney*, Governor of *Jamaica*, without naming the Society, whose first Knowledge of their Application was in the latter End of the Year 1742: that on this they wrote immediately to the Governor, not to persuade any Persons to contribute, but solely to enquire whether the *Indians* were able or the *Jamaicans* willing, which was surely a justifiable Piece of Prudence: that as soon as they had his Answer, giving no Ground to hope for pecuniary Assistance, which was in a few Months, they agreed to send a Missionary and Schoolmaster; that Mr. *Prince*, then in *America*, being recommended to them for this Work shortly after, they agreed without Delay to accept him, if he brought proper Testimonials; but that Objections were made to him from thence, which could not be fully discussed under a considerable Time: that when his Character was cleared, he was directed to come over, and ordained; that he returned as soon as he could, but died on his Way from *Jamaica* to the Place of his Destination: that on hearing this, the Society ordered another Missionary to be provided, but no one could be got. Evidently there was no Backwardness in this Case; but Assistance was most readily

* Second Vindication or Address, p. 70.

† *Hobart's* second Address, p. 141.

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