

peculiar habits and occupations of the population, which is during great part of the year either dispersed in the woods, or engaged in the fisheries, so that a regular attendance of the children cannot be secured, except perhaps in St. John's, and one or two other places. It is certain that it would be desirable to obtain the services of a greater number, and a superior order of schoolmasters; but before this can be done, the Society must be enabled to offer higher salaries, which in the present state of its funds it cannot do. The Society, however, has not failed, on proper occasions, to represent the wants of the island in this particular to his Majesty's government, and it will most readily employ, for this benevolent purpose, any additional means which may be placed at its disposal, either by the paternal care of his Majesty's government, or by the bounty of individuals.

(Signed)

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