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Agreeably to notice in last No. of the Register, the Board of Foreign Missions held a meeting for the transaction of general business, but especially with a view to recent communications from Aneiteum, and their bearing on the vexed question of Mr Archibald's withdrawal from the mission. We are aware that great anxiety still prevails throughout the church on this subject, which has been so long pending, as a source of disquietude to the friends and well wishers of our foreign enterprise; and possibly, the deliverance which the Board has now given, may be, to some such individuals, unsatisfactory, because not distinctly stating the minute details which lead to and flowed from *this painful and disastrous event*. We cherish the hope, however, that with very few exceptions, all further solicitude will be prevented by what is now published with the Board's sanction. To have been more explicit would not have served those exalted interests which should never be sacrificed to the craving appetite of curiosity, however laudable. If the church entertain confidence in the Board as now constituted by synodical authority, and with full powers to conduct the affairs of the mission, *their judgment given in the full knowledge of all the facts* should be held as satisfactory to every reasonable mind. To prosecute farther

inquiry would only tend seriously to embarrass those operations which have been so happily crowned with the Divine blessing. We counsel then, and that most earnestly, all parties so far to honor the deliberate decision of the Board as to cease from all efforts to extort what they have judged prudent to conceal. With these prefatory remarks we now introduce the minutes of the meeting above referred to.

GREEN HILL, January 19th, 1852.

Board met after prayer by the convener. Were present, the Rev. Messrs Roy, Baxter, Waddell, Bayne and Patterson, and Messrs J. W. Dawson, Daniel Cameron, and Ebenezer McLeod.

Read the official communication recently received from Mr Geddie, also extracts from a private communication from Mr Archibald to the Rev. Jas. Waddell. From these documents, it appeared that Mr A. resigned finally his connection with the mission on October 4th, 1850, although he did not leave the island till October 1851.

With regard to his resignation and the circumstances connected therewith, the Board experienced no difficulty in adopting the following resolutions:—

1st. That on consideration of the official documents transmitted by Mr Geddie, and a private letter from Mr Archibald to their