

every opportunity of exciting among them a spirit of industry. These missionaries would form a check against any attempt, on the part of the lessees, to tyrannize over, or to deprive the Indians of the rights reserved to them.

In the mode of letting the leases, it might be advisable to depart from the example of the King's Posts, and, instead of public auction, to adopt the method of sealed offers, requiring that every tender shall specify the whole of the partners concerned in making it, so that the persons to whom the different offers are referred, may have an opportunity of rejecting any that come from traders of a notoriously bad character. The lessees may be made to understand, that any marked instance of misconduct would be a ground of exclusion on any future occasion. This would have an important effect in putting a restraint on their behaviour, more particularly as they would naturally expect rival traders to be on the watch, to note every instance of misconduct, and take advantage of it at the expiration of the leases.

With these measures it would be necessary to combine a complete revision of the Act of 1803, and the establishment of a system better adapted for the fair and effectual administration of justice. The basis ought to be laid