To Rev. Dan Loveloy—appointed by the Society for propagating the Gospel among the Indians and others in North-America, a Missionary for District No. 5 in Maine, for three Months.

Sir,

DURING your Mission, you will please faithfully to regard the following instructions, adopted by the Society, from which you receive your commission.

1. As wisdom shall direct, you will communicate to the people, among whom you may labour, information relative to the origin and design of the Society, in whose service you are employed, which may serve to secure for you their approbation and confidence, and thus increase your influence and usefulness.

N. B. In the Appendixes of the Sermons, published by the Society, you will find all the information necessary for your use.

2. You will diligently improve all opportunities of communicating religious instruction, by publicly preaching the great doctrines and duties of our holy religion, visiting from house to house, and catechising the children in schools, and at times and places specially appointed for the purpose. Visit the aged and afflicted, and comfort them, and teach them how to profit by their infirmities and trials. Cherish whatever you find praiseworthy among the people; disown refusenace vice and immoralities, by your precepts and example; and shew yourself a peace maker wherever divisions exist. Urge on the people the great importance and advantages of establishing churches, and maintaining a regular and stated ministry of the gospel among them. The Society consider these as primary objects of their institution; as the means prescribed by the great Head of the Church to reclaim sinners, to comfort and edify his saints, and prepare them for heaven.

3. As you will be called to mingle with Christians of different denominations, while you stedfastly maintain the discipline of the Congregational churches, treat all who differ from you with kindness and candour; avoid controversy, whenever you can do it consistently with a due regard to truth; and when called to defend your own opinions, do it always in the spirit of meekness and charity, and in a manner, that shall give no just occasion of offence, and evince your sincere desire to promote the cause of truth, and the best interests of mankind.

4. You will cautiously avoid taking a part in political controversies. While you offer your prayers for our civil rulers, without regard to party opinions, inculcate submission to the laws, respect and obedience to “the powers that be,” because civil government is an ordinance of God, for the safety and happiness of mankind.

5. You will spend your time in places where people do not enjoy the ordinances of religion; the poor and the destitute are the objects of your Mission.
6. You will not accept of any reward on your own account from those to whom you minister, excepting necessary support. Yet should you labour in towns or plantations, possessing ability to contribute to the support of the gospel, you will earnestly invite them to do it, according to their means, assuring them, that whatever sums they may see fit to put into your hands, shall be faithfully deposited in the funds of the Society, and employed to extend the benefits of their institution. And where contributions shall be thus made, you will encourage the people by giving them more of your services. Should any town or plantation wish to employ you any number of Sabbaths wholly at their own expense, you will feel yourself at liberty to comply with their wishes, and proportionally to extend the term of your Mission, so as to spend the whole time allotted you in the service of the Society.

7. During your Mission, you will not attempt to purchase any land, or engage in transacting any other secular business. Give none occasion of offence. Do nothing, which may have a tendency to lessen your influence.

8. The books you receive of the Society* you will distribute with care and judgment, and accompany the gift with such directions and observations, as may render it useful to the receiver and his neighbours. The monies entrusted to you to be expended in the establishment and support of schools, you will give to those people only, who are poor and well disposed to receive and improve the charity, and who will be likely to continue, according to their future ability, the school commenced at the expense of the society. Assist in procuring for these charity schools suitable instructors, male or female.

9. You will keep a daily Journal of your proceedings, in which you will record the baptisms you administer, the churches you organize, the schools you establish, or contribute partially to support, the books which you distribute, the monies you receive for the use of the Society, and the societies or individuals from whom you receive them; and in general all transactions and occurrences, which may indicate the success of your Mission, be useful in encouraging the Society, or in directing them in their future proceedings.

Wishing you the presence and blessing of the great Head of the Church, and the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit, to give success to your labours, we subscribe ourselves, in behalf of the Society, your brethren in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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President.

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Secretary.

*Books belonging to the Society are deposited with Rev. Mr. Eastman, of Limerick, Rev. Dr. M’Kean, Brunswick, Rev. Mr. Gillet, Hallowell, Rev. Mr. Packard and Alden Bradford, Esq. Wiscasset, Rev. Mr. Blood, Buckstow, Rev. Mr. Steel, Machias, and Theodore Lincoln, Esq. Dennysville. By calling on either of the above Gentlemen, you may receive such number of books as you may wish.