

I have written Mr Marshall the manner in which we have proceeded in the collection of the debts, I refer you to him; the amount now collected to be divided among the four agents equally for the claims is four thousand pickuls; about two thousand may possibly be collected more this year, every body has returned from the mountains and what will be their next movement I know not; the principal Chiefs on Owhyhee and Mowee have refused to pay anything toward the debts; John Adams has payed about 800 and will do no more, Naihi refuses ~~al~~ together says he owes nothing, and will not pay other people's debts, he has given himself entirely to God, and wishes nothing to do with earthly concerns, a bigger rascal never existed, and yet he is one of the elect, had all the Islands have payed their tax as was confidently expected, the whole debt would have been liquidated this year from Atoai we expected 1300 pickuls at the least, she has only paid about 400, what will be the result I know not would to God the Sloop of war was now here, there is ~~would~~ wood enough cut in the different islands to pay all, and now would be the time for force -----

The natives now begin to feel the weight of paying their old debts for other people, and grumble most dreadfully, I shall continue to press them to new exertions and I hope they may be induced to pay all; they have many advisers to tell them, that America does not ~~compell~~ them to pay, that the debts will soon be outlawed to to which has a bad tendency