

June 26/13
He was grateful for the least act of civility that was
shown him, and I am told by Mr. Yates that he had been
consistent in his behaviour for a long time. He sent for
me several times during his illness, and on the day preceding
his death, he took me by the hand, shook with much
affection, was sensible of his approaching dissolution, told
those around him that he had been a great sinner
but he was not afraid to die. He attempted to sing
but he was too weak, he was cheerful altho' not in
transport to the last moment of his recollection. According
to my imperfect views this poor man died a penitent.
& he appeared to derive his support from above. He was
a member of the Church of Scotland.

Several of the Prisoners here can neither read nor write
I have supplied six or eight with spelling books; they
have teachers amongst themselves.

We have had Divine Service on board for two
Sundays past. but it is to be lamented that there are
no Chaplains appointed by Government, who would
have more time to attend to the duties of their Office, &
more leisure to administer instruction and consolation
to ignorant, afflicted prisoners, than can possibly fall
to the share of a Captain whose attention is almost
necessarily occupied in the fulfilment of other important
duties.

If I possessed sufficient influence with members
of the established Church to which I have the honour
and happiness to belong, who take delight in encouraging
missionary exertions, and also with my brethren of other
denominations, pursuing the same object in view, I should
strongly recommend to their notice a clause in
Dr. Buchanan's sermon preached before the Society. For
while I feel myself bound to express my thankful
for the kind attention which has hitherto been paid
to me and my family, by the Ships Company, Guard