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Teeterree to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

Parramatta July 12th 1819

My Dear Father

Friend, M^r Pratt

I thank you kind to me. I hope all your family quite well. Teeterree very well. The Baring touch at Madeira, we all go ashore and sleep ashore: in the morning before breakfast we all got a little horse, and go up very high hill: see fine large Church, large candle and box like Missionary box; the man ask me put money in the box for Virgin Mary. Then came down again, got a good breakfast. Very curious people Portuguise people. Then met Captain Lamb, he took me and Tooi to Government house: plenty orange, plenty lemmon, plenty wine. Came aboard, next morning sail. We cross the line, M^r Neptune came on board every one shave with iron hoop, every one got a bucket of water: Mr Neptune a very good man. When near cape of good hope, plenty wind, blew very heavy, very high sea, only two sail set, plenty roll about break fore [f] yard on Sunday Morning: very clever Carpenter on board soon mend him: away she goes again, sometimes 9 knots. By and by near new holland coast, wind against us, could not make land: very little water left: we were very glad to make Van Diemens land, go into harbour, all go on shore and go see Governor, I know him before. Beautiful Potatoes, fine Mutton, fine Beef: Convicts so pleased, plenty kei kei: stay there one week. Monday morning the ship sail, blow very hard: fair wind came. Captain Lamb sang out, turn the hands up and make sail, and we see Sydney in four days, and anchored the ship. Came on shore in Capⁿ Piper's boat. All New South Wales friends very glad to see us. I very happy to see my friend M^r Marsden and all family quite well and very glad to see us. We very soon go to New

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Zealand, M^r Marsden he go with us. Six of my country people at Parramatta. Charly Marsden going to England learn be a doctor; very good boy, very fond of the horse back. Give my kind love to M^{rs} Pratt and all your family, and M^r and M^{rs} Bickersteth M^{rs} Garnon and all Missionary friends in England. I will thank you to pray for me [f] and my country poor people. I pray Jesus Christ make me a good boy and forgive my sins. I pray Jesus Christ take away my wicked heart. God bless you.

From your young friend

Teeterree