

Mr. John Cowell to Ap<sup>l</sup>. Secretary 195 Dec. 19/19  
Dec 20/19 Downs Dec<sup>r</sup> 19/19

Dear Sir Com<sup>d</sup>. (in Cor.) 9 am. 10/20.

I embrace this opportunity of writing to inform you that through the mercy of God we have arrived safe here after a very hard gale of two days and one night we sailed from the Downs on Thursday morning and returned on Saturday evening when we heard of the loss of six sail three on the gooding sands two of three crews perished we have not heard whether the crews of the other ships are saved or not

We have great reason to bless God for his mercy and goodness towards us My wife, Child and Mayne are very ill at present having caught cold we were obliged to sleep on the deck in our cabin there not being any bed place in it be so good as to give our respect to Mrs B, & Mr. Pratt and all friends

I remain  
Dear Sir Your Obed<sup>t</sup> and Humble Servant  
John Cowell