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Letter to Mr Thomas Kendall

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My Dear Sir

I have received in safety your letter, from Funchal of June 26, and at sea of July 25.

It gives us great pleasure to find you so actively and so usefully employed on board. May God grant that your care and instructions may find in their success an abundant reward!

I fear that the sad evils of sea-faring language of which ^{you} complain, must still be taken up as a cross to be borne by the servants of God who are sent out on your beneficent errand. Should the time arrive in which Dr Buchanan's suggestion of freighting ships for Missionary objects can be acted on, this will be an effectual and a noble remedy for the evil: but that time is not likely to be yet. In the mean while, good men should not be discouraged. Sailors are susceptible of generous feelings: and the kind and consistent character of a Christian Seaman will often effect, under the blessing of God, an outward and partial reform, if it does not accomplish a still higher end.

By your account of the Roman Catholic Service at Funchal I learn that there is very little variation in celebrating Mass from their practice in England. You might have seen much the same mummerly in various parts of London every Sunday and Saints' day.

The want of books in the schools which you visited is lamentable. The same want was found by our Missionaries in the schools at Goree. I hope our Society will apply an effectual remedy to this evil. The Committee