

*T. Kendall to J. Pratt 15 May 1813*

I could wish to present Capt<sup>n</sup>. Mitchell with the annual report  
of our Society & the British & Foreign Bible Society Bound if  
Mr. Pratt can immediately produce them but this I leave to him –

Earl Spencer Spithead

15 May 1813

Rev<sup>d</sup>. & Dear Sir,

The Wind blows from between the South & the West; if it holds thus until the  
time you receive this be pleased to send me 100 Copies of your Day of  
Adversity 24 2 vs [sic] Cards for Sunday Schools

25 Spelling Books such as are used by the first Classes in the Sunday School &  
25 reading Books such as are used by the second classes in D<sup>o</sup> by the Coach  
directed for me to be left at the Hon[ourabl]<sup>e</sup> Comm[issione]<sup>r</sup> Grey Portsmouth  
(in order to save time & reach me the sooner) You can place the amount of  
them to my Account. I am sorry to give you this trouble but some of the  
Convicts who cannot read have applied to me for Spelling Books & c<sup>a</sup> and I  
cannot get at any of my Packages. [f]

I have received a Letter signed by six Clergymen at Bristol, namely, The Rev<sup>d</sup>  
G. Hunt, J. Carter, W. Day, Hy Bevan, Edw<sup>d</sup> Colston, & J<sup>no</sup> Eden recommending  
to my notice a youth whose name is Rich<sup>d</sup> Stockwell. Captain Mitchell has put  
him under my care as a Servant and he is now released from confinement the  
whole of the Day. I am happy to learn that this youth, has conducted himself  
well ever since he was a prisoner, which I believe is now nearly two years. He  
used to be one of the principal singers when he was on board the Hulk at

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Woolwich during the time of Divine Service. He appears to have been piously educated & brought up and I am told by some sick persons who lie in the Hospital, and who also manifest a real concern for their own eternal [f] interests that as soon as he was introduced to me by the Captain, & the Iron was taken from off his Leg, he immediately retired as well as he could, & fell upon his knees to return thanks to Almighty God for this partial alleviation of his sufferings.

Thro' the influence of the Hon[ourable] Comm[issioner] & his Lady I believe mine has been promoted on board of this Ship. The Cap<sup>t</sup> has at my request desired the Convicts to desist from singing obscene, lewd songs. I intend, as soon as I prudently can, to write a Letter to him on the great importance of Public Worship.

You can read at your leisure the two Notes inclosed with yours

And am Rev<sup>d</sup> & Dear Sir

dutifully & faithfully yours

Tho Kendall

Written in haste [f]

I am glad to hear that you have been so very successful in the Missionary Cause & thank you & my Christian friends for your kind remembrance when you meet in the House of the Lord. I pray that you may be as renowned for sending out Missionaries as you are for your liberality in Supporting them— And that those Servants may seek no other glory than that of their Lord. If I am gone

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when the parcel shall arrive at Portsmouth the Comm[issione]r will return it to  
you of Course.