

Mr. Tho. Kendall to Secretary

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Rev. & Dear Sir,

Read at Com. of Cor. May, 21/13.

Read (short) at Com. June 14/13.

am<sup>d</sup>. May 29/13 with 50 M. N. No 5.

I return you my thanks for the Parcel containing the Missionary Register No 3, the Dr. Guardian, the Selous & Mr. Deatrys Sermon was printed very opportunely for me, I have perused it with a great deal of pleasure.

We are still detained at Spithead, on account of the Wind being unfavorable for our departure.

Thro' the kind attention of the Honble Commissioners Grey & his Lady I believe my influence on board of this Ship has been considerably promoted. I have been twice at their House at Portsmouth & the Commission has been as often <sup>here</sup>. Captain Mitchell approves of my distributing Religious Tracts amongst such people as are inclined to read them, I have opportunities of going amongst the Prisoners when I choose, and of visiting the Sick in the Hospital & of reading & praying by them. I see occasionally the Service for the Visitation of the Sick turning the absolution into a prayer. I have also the happiness to learn, that we shall have Divine Service read upon the Sabbath Day in a short time. Bibles will be distributed as soon as we get to Sea.

I have read the account of the Providential escape of my Brethren in travail, the Rev. Mr. Butcher & all his companions except one. Altho' they have perhaps lost the greatest part of their property and the hopes of many young children will probably for some time be disappointed, yet it must afford you & the Society great consolation that their lives have been spared.



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that they had an opportunity to proceed towards their home, & join their beloved friends in praise to their Almighty Deliverer, who rescued them in so gracious a manner from the watery deep, & delivered them out of the hands of unreasonable men.

Be pleased to present my dutiful & affectionate regards to those gentlemen whom I have met at the vestry room of St John's Chapel Bedford Row. A little of their instructions would now be very useful to me; for I have not only to guard against the profaneness of men who are totally ignorant of themselves & the way of salvation, but I am also beset with men who pour contempt upon all Religion and reject as futile every idea of Divine Revelation. A crafty systematic opposer of the Religion of the Bible, might I have no doubt in several points puzzle me. But still in vain must the disciples of <sup>the</sup> Paine & Volney exalt their Godless Reason above the Heavens; she must descend to her own element when she exclaims, "that if the Bible be true the greatest possible good must await them who cordially believe it, and if it be merely a Fable, the least possible harm." For when you have set aside those essential truths which to the humble believer will ever be the most dear, the Bible contains all the rules of morality which trifling reasoners can invent who oppose it. And to show my opponents <sup>(in opinion)</sup> here the high estimation in which the Bible is held by numbers who could not be supposed to be destitute of reason I have calmly recommended to them

# some references  
(a) we have Paine's & Volney's works on board



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notice, the Long List of Names contained in the  
Report of the British & Foreign Bible Society.

Mr. Smith a Person who waits upon the  
Sick in the Hospital of this Ship, has left a Wife &  
some small children behind. He is anxious to have  
his children put under the Protection of the Philanthropic  
Society. I know your many engagements & am sorry  
to give you unnecessary trouble, but if Mrs. Smith should  
call upon you I should esteem it a particular  
favor if you would advise her what to do. Smith  
behaves well, is very attentive to the Patients.  
acknowledges his Errors, which is not here a customary  
thing. I think one of the poor men will die before  
he reaches New South Wales. He is a member of the  
Church of Scotland; appears to be very penitent. He  
weeps & prays & returns thanks, & wishes to depend  
upon Christ alone for salvation. That important  
remark of our Saviour "He that setteth his hand  
to the plough and looketh back is not fit for the Kingdom  
of God," he tells me, has been the occasion of great  
distress in his mind.

Since I embarked with my family on board  
the Earl Spencer, I bless God, I have felt myself  
happy to this hour. Mrs. Kendall & the children  
are still cheerful & well. We have plenty of  
amusement, and are plentifully provided for.  
I keep a little school every day, and ~~they~~ <sup>the children</sup> come to  
me at the hours of eleven & six upon every Lords Day  
and take pleasure in singing Psalms. We are not  
molested by any one. I attend to this because I deem



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is absolutely necessary to set apart time for Protestant exercises, and there can be no time upon the Lords days so suitable as that in which we can be assured that we are joining in spirit with so many dear friends whom we have left behind.

With joins in kind acknowledgments to Mr Peatt & yourself. And am, Dear Sir  
Yours faithfully  
The Kendall

~~The Rev. J. Peatt  
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I wait in my die to  
be heard the Lord  
of our Society to  
be heard as he has  
requested to do so. I  
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was not particularly  
anxious to see myself  
put by the Methodist  
Society - but I left to  
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