

Read & Danda, Paul Spencer - Funchal 26 June 1843 - June 26/13  
Read at Com. of Cor. d. to Com. of Dec. 13/13.  
We arrived here on the 25<sup>th</sup> instant: a pleasant breeze has  
wafted us hither, & I am happy to say that my family is well.  
When I last wrote to you, the case of a prisoner then lying  
sick in the Hospital was mentioned. You will see from the  
inclosed Note to his wife which I request may be forwarded to  
her, that the time of his departure was near at hand. This  
man was apparently brought by affliction to a sense of his  
situation as to spiritual things. I will state a few particulars  
respecting him which came within my own observation as  
correctly as I can recollect them. The first time I noticed him  
was in consequence of application being made to me for a Testament  
for the use of him and his afflicted companions. I presented  
to him one bearing the mark of the British and Foreign Bible  
Society which he made his constant companion until the  
hour of his death. He often read part of it to his fellow  
prisoners as he sat up on his bed, and when he was not  
able to do it himself others kindly did this office for him.  
On various occasions he laid open his grief, deeply lamenting  
that he had ever been led to forsake that religion which  
had been his refuge and support in happier days, or that  
in adversity he had so far forgotten the only true remedy  
for human woe, as to engage in any unpropitious way with  
the view of making up those heavy losses which he had  
sustained in his property. My dear friend's tract upon  
the Day of Adversity administered (instrumentally) much  
comfort to his afflicted mind, & I trust assisted him  
in obtaining correct views of the way of salvation. "This is,  
he said, the Day of Adversity, but what a mercy it  
is that I am here; God does not deal with us in wrath  
according to what we deserve, there is yet a Saviour to  
look up to for pardon and salvation." He did not  
menace against his prosecutors as many do, he seemed  
to submit to the decision of the Law without complaint.