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25th July 1810

Dear Sir

In my letter to you from Madina bearing date the 26th June I gave you a brief account of a Person whose name was Mr. Hogg and who apparently did a sincere penitence and I also enclosed a Note for his Wife in that letter

On Tuesday the 29th of the same month I revisited Funchal, being desirous to find out if possible a Clergyman of the Protestant Church, or a Protestant Schoolmaster.

The Revd. Mr. Courtney, the Chaplain belonging to the 2d Royal Veteran Battalion was absent, & was then in London and I could not hear of any other Clergyman of the Church of England, or of any other Dissenting congregation in Funchal. The time of this second visit

happened on one of the Roman Catholic Saint Days, and as I passed by the Cathedral I overheard the Chorister, which circumstance induced me to go in. I had never witnessed their manner of worship before. The interior of this Church was beautifully ornamented with highly finished paintings. As an Altarpiece, and several feet higher than the floor stood up in an aperture the Statue of the Blessed Virgin with a Child in her arms, and a silver Crucifix was placed upon the Altar Table below them. Altho. it was now about midday several lighted Candles were burning on each side of these objects of their adoration. In a Hall on the right of the Altar Table appeared one of their Dignitaries at worship in scarlet Robes, and four of his attendants draped in scarlet robes in front. During the time the service was performed the above personage occasionally raised his voice. When he uncovered his head, so did his four attendants and when he came and bowed in front of the Statue & the Crucifix his attendants likewise advanced & bowed

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on each side of him. Next came the Holy Cup in which the incense was burning, and both dignitary attendants and choristers received the benefit of the smoke, after the water was sprinkled in the faces of the above assembly each man in his turn & the service was concluded. I did not see two persons whom I could distinguish as ecclesiastical members of the congregation: if you excepted the Priests and Officers, the Church might be said to be empty. I am told, that one of these Priests has lately absconded being dissatisfied with his Religion, and great pains have been taken to find him out, in order to bring him to punishment.

From this place, I proceeded to the College where the Regimental School belonging to the 3rd Royal Veteran Battalion is conducted by Sergeant Gibson. In this school are taught about 60 Children, boys and girls, and the sight was very gratifying: but, my dear Sir, you will be surpris'd to learn that these fine children had scarce any books to read in: and Mr Matthews who keeps a school of about 40 children in the same place was equally destitute of books. There are also two other English Schools at the Fairy Barracks containing about 40 little children each, and conducted by Mr Poppe & Mr Stokes, in which I only found one Bible, two or three Testaments bearing the marks of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and three or four worn out Spelling Books. Sergeant Gibson inform'd me that he expected a supply of Testaments when Mr Coustrey returned from England & however thought it my duty to furnish him with some for present use, as I had a few at hand on board the Earl Spencer. I accordingly presented to him

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six Bibles bearing the Mark of the Naval & Military Bible Society
 Eight Testaments Do Do and
 Four Test. bearing, Do Do. British & Foreign Bible Society
 Five Spelling Books, 2 Days of Adversity, 6 Introductions to the
 Church Catechism, 2 Books of Prayers for Sunday Schools
 & Summary View of Church. Missionary Society. 7 Do Religion
 Facts. Three Summary View B. & F. Bible Society Childs
 First Book, a few Catechisms & 1 Brogan Smith for his Child.
 I also presented to Major White who treated me very
 politely the Eighth Report of the British & Foreign
 Bible Society. He offered to pay for the Books which I
 left with Mr. Gibson. I had presented them ^{above} to Mr. Jey.
 Gibson before I heard of there being any other Schools
 I am sorry therefore that I had it not in my power
 to leave with the poor Women, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Phipps &
 Mr. Stokes more than 1 Bible from the Naval & Military Society
 1 Do British & For. & 1 Testament, 2 Spelling Books, 2 Days of
 Adversity, & a few Tracts each, with a promise that I
 would write home to my friends in their favor. It would
 have given you much pleasure to have witnessed the
 effect of this interview with these people for after this
 I could not pass through a street, but I was accosted
 by some one for a Book; the ^{young} children flocked around me
 with the same kindness as if I had been their parent,
 telling me they were fond of reading but books were so
 dear in the Island that their Parents could not afford
 to purchase them. The price of Spelling books when they
 can be procured is half a dollar each. They pay ^{only}
 3^d per week for their instruction.

A present of about a dozen Spelling Books, some
 Catechisms, and plans of Religion Instructions sent in several
 parcels for each of the above Schools, and the whole
 directed to Major White the commanding Officer would
 I am sensible, be received with gratitude by them all.

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By the tender mercy of God this leaves me and my family in good health. We have hitherto experienced no inconvenience from excessive heat. I have had no stormy weather. The Thermometer is as low as 78°. We are not certain whether we shall proceed hence to Rio Janeiro or not. The Wind is quite against.

Pray present our kind & grateful acknowledgments to our dear Pastor the Rev. Basil Woodd to our other friends & accept the same yourself
am. Res. & Dear
in yours &c. M. Kendall

We still entreat you kind remembrance when you approach the Throne of Grace

The Grenney Brigg - named Swift - takes this to S. Salvador &