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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 died a sincere penitent 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 Choristers, which circumstances 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 apartment 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 chanted 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