

Annual Reports of different Societies and all the good news you can.
 I also request you will send me a Pocket Compass and a good plain
 silver watch that will keep the time well, with a seal upon which
 there is a suitable engraving for general purposes. Capt. Dillon of
 the Retive has made me a present of a Quadrant so that I need not
 apply to you for one. I intend to use the watch when I am at sea.
 Business who traverse these seas are often supplied with very bad
 watches and it is absolutely needful that we know ^{where} we are.
 It is only a few days since that the chief Officer for want of
 a good watch made the ship one hundred and fifty miles from
 Land when in fact she was only fifty. We were then in a gale of
 wind, but met with a harbour very providentially. My own
 watch does not keep the time well.

Give the good news to acquaint Capt. Cole that the Grant
 of Bibles and Testaments which were sent out by the Naval and
 Military Bible Society previous to my application to him never
 reached New South Wales.

Captain Stone the Commander of the *Warristead*, a ship which
 brought female convicts from England to New South Wales, I am told,
 did neither distribute the grant of 30 Bibles and 40 Testaments which
 he received from the British & Foreign Bible Society amongst the Prisoners
 nor leave them on shore. Some friend of the Society would do right
 to enquire about them.