

Thomas Tooi to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

Madeley Sep^r – 1818

Dear Sir,

I much obliged and thank you M^r Pratt for the letter you sent me. M^r Hall read it me, and I was quite pleased. I could not write letter myself – but I hope the Lord Jesus Christ come and help me. M^r Langley of Shrewsbury ask me if I go to the Bible meeting. I say yes: He ask me why? I say to hear about God. Another time he ask me for what you go to Church? I say to hear about Jesus Christ. He ask me where Jesus Christ live? I say up in heaven. Another time he ask me where bad people go?- I say to hell. Suppose I a Christian I go to heaven, if bad go to hell. I say to M^r Langley our country no find the right way. Great number of people at the meeting. I so pleased when M^r Pratt find a ship: I want a ship to go home. I been to Coal- [f] port. I make four cups M^r Rose tell me you soon learn – yes I say, very soon learn with my fingers, but Book very hard. Hope I shall have a good ship and captain if please the Lord spare my life I go home and think of all kind friends in England. If you please M^r Pratt, Sir, I could not like tol mess with seamen that use bad language. I could not like to leave off my book now. I go aboard and help work the ship when I please, and learn book a little. Suppose God please spare my life when I get home to my country I send a letter back to my old friend M^r Pratt. I very sorry leave M^r and M^{rs} Mortimer behind: I hope see them again at New Zealand if the Lord please. [f]

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Dear Sir

Your obedient servant

Thomas Tooi

M^{rs} Mortimer has received a Letter from M^r M[ortimer] who perfectly agrees with M^r Pratt with respect to Tooi and Teetoree not being sent back as Cabin passengers, but to be comfortab[l]y accommodated and to work a little Voluntarily.

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