

Dec^r. Dec. 21/18

Rev. John Butler de. ^{the Rev.}

Queen's Channel

(Am^d) same days to the Down

Dear Sir

Saturday Dec^r 19 1818

with a Private Ltr, on the subject of some Verses printed by Mr Butler's desire.

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I received your kind letter and it has greatly refreshed my spirit, may the Lord return you seventy fold into your own bosom, for all that tender concern and pious solicitation which you have manifested toward me, may the Lord enable me to exercise that meekness and patience which you so earnestly ^{urged} recommend and which is absolutely necessary and especially in our present situation. Our cabins are very small, and we are very much pressed for room, but we are all endeavouring to make each other as comfortable as we can Mr Kemp very readily changed cabins with me, as his was somewhat the largest, but my present one is so small as to oblige me to write this letter on my bed, but I am sure you it will give you great pleasure to know that we are all perfectly contented. Our ship has been in a state of great confusion ever since we have been on board, there are so many things to be done when a ship like the Boring is setting out to sea. At present we have not had an opportunity

of assembling ourselves together for prayer or reading,
 but we hope to do both, when things are a little
 settled; but a place to assemble in is the most difficult
 thing, Mr Hall of the Greenland Cabin being the largest,
 we intend to sit very close together in that, and
 instruct and comfort each other as much as
 possible, I hope our Lord Jesus Christ will fill
 our souls with love, and enable us to endure all things
 for his sake, and to glorify him with our bodies & souls
 which are his. Captain Lamb is a gentleman who seems
 desirous of making us every way comfortable as far as
 things will admitt, our living is very good, the sailors
 and servants so far as I have had any conversation with
 them are very kind and civil, and I had no doubt we
 shall have good order and regularity as soon as possible.
 As there are so many officers & passengers on board we
 are oblig'd to have two distinct parties to breakfast
 and dinner, We cast anchor at this place last night
 at 5 o'clock, the weather coming on very dark and
 wet and windy, the wind continued blowing very hard
 until two o'clock this morning, and the motion of the
 ship made many very sick and ill, the concert

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were spicing one over the other. But am sorry to say that
Mr Butler & Child Mr Kemp & Mr Kemp & Sam Butler
were all of them very sick indeed and very ill & all
of them are very poorly, at this time, and particularly
Mr Kemp. I am also very happy to say that I never
felt Mr Bodily's health better or stronger than at the
present time, and I trust I feel humbly thankful
to God for it; I have therefore in some measure
been enabled (and with great pleasure) to attend to
them who are sick. Our dear friend Mr Hale is anxious
to do all in his power for every one of us; He is especially
tender and loving to Tom & Peter; and he is I am
happy to say in good health. We think poor Tom
is not quite so well as when he left London
all pray for him, and may the Lord answer our prayers
in his good time, and restore him to perfect health.
Peter is quite well, Mr Butler is obliged to have a woman
one of the soldier's wives to assist to clean the cabin and
take care of the child, no child being allowed at Table;
therefore a person to take care of the child while Mr B
gets her meals is very necessary, and more especially
as she is sick. I am to pay her two shillings a
week, which I intend doing out of Dollars given me
by Mr Sergeant for general purposes. We all in
returning you our sincere thanks for all

past favours & earnestly solicit your prayers of
the Society at large, We trust we are all bound
together in a bond of love and union never
to be broken; and in testimony whereof we
are all with our greatest respects & thanks subscribe
ourselves your faithful and obedient servants

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My Dear Mr Bickerseth will accept my
very sincere thanks, & also Mr Bickerseth for
all favours may God bless you both also
Mr Pratt & family, and all friends, And
the ship sails ^{also} so fast with about so
much, My head is also getting you see
both writing & blunders

excuse