

*John Butler to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt*

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Rev<sup>d</sup> & Dear Sir

With very great pleasure I announce to you that poor Too<sup>i</sup> is much better, we have used every possible means, and the Lord in mercy has been pleased to bless those means and answered our prayers beyond our expectation. M<sup>r</sup> Gilbert the medical Gentleman who has attended him says, he has no doubt (but that with great caution & simple diet) he will be restored to perfect health. The boxes and parcels which you sent have been received safe (with the exception of one Looking glass which was broke in pieces. I have been to the Baring 3 times this week in order to ascertain when we are likely to sail. Captain Lamb informed me that he thought, Tuesday or Wednesday next would be about the time, and he has appointed Sheerness as the place of our embarkation, as the ship will be taking in water, Convicts, Ballast &c, all the way thither and he cannot be answerable for the safety of our things while the Ship is in such a confusion, as we have no remedy of course we must submit. I have been to Chatham to procure (or rather to inquire after) a Boat for the purpose of conveying us thither, and I find that we must give two guineas for me, the cartage &c to the waterside, I apprehend would make it near 3£. I went to Rochester yesterday to the Custom House to obtain leave to put our things on board [f] the Baring without interruption. They have promised to send an officer to see them on board the Boat and to free us from any farther investigation. Thus I believe every preparatory step has been taken that can be. We

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pray the Lord to order all things concerning our embarkation, bless us throughout our Voyage & make us a blessing to those with whom we sail and bring us in safety to New Zealand, and make us a blessing to those immortal souls, to whom we are sent. I now beg leave to give you an account of expenditure since Mr Bickersteth left us—

A/c Butchers Bill	2.11. 3	I have only 8/0 on hand
Baker	1. 2. 0	We shall have our Rent to pay at the end
Rent	1. 2. 0	of the week
Doctor	1.19. 6	2-2-0 & 10/s for the servant
Beer	1. 2. 7	the Boat to seerness [sic]
Washing	19.11	2 prs shoes
Sundries M <sup>rs</sup> Chen	1.17. 4	

Dr M<sup>rs</sup> Butler            8. 2 house?

And other things for the House, 5 pounds you promised to replace the Dollars taken out when I came to London, Dr- Sir, I only name these things, to give you an idea of our wants, our expences are great, but our family is large.

I now proceed to give you an account of other things since Mr B. left us. Teetteree was sent for by Admiral Gore on Saturday evening. He was honored with the Admirals Carriage to ride in and much gratified at his honour. On Monday Tetteree myself Mr Hall Mr Kemp & Samuel went in company with Mr White [f] to the Kings Dockyard. Tetteree was introduced to Sir Rob<sup>t</sup> Barlows family the

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Commissioner of the Dockyard, we were all much gratified in seeing the works. We went into a Ship named the prince Regent now building, 120 Guns, another of 110 Guns, also into the Smithery the saw Mill, the Rope Warehouses, and many other places, Tetteree was surprised beyond measure to see a Machine raise 2 large pieces of Timber and then set off with them without any visable [sic] propelling force, he exclaimed Deare [sic] me New Zealand man no believe, but I believe because my own eye see. At a Oc[loc]k, Amirall [sic] Sir John Gore sent his Barge from his ship lying 3 miles down the River to in[vite] us to come and see her, she is named the Bulwer the finest 74 Gun ship in his Majestys Navy, we had twelve men to row us down and another to steer, Cushion seats, Cloaks &c, on our arrival we were saluted by firing 6 Guns 24 pounders, the Captain, Col[onel] Long and others [sic] Officers, with several ladies received Tetteree and the rest of our party very kindly, we taken [sic] some refreshment on board, and were shewn all the wonders of this beautiful ship— Tetteree fired a 24 Gun, we then left her and were again saluted by 6 Guns as before, we then proceeded to see a famous frigate named the Liffey just going out to sea, we were received with the same kindness and saluted by 5, 24 pound Guns, and the same when we came away. Mr White & I have had some talk about a Missionary association but Mr W. thinks it is not possible to be done at present. As Tetteree and myself were going along in Rochester yesterday to the Custom House, we met Archdeacon Law, who made [f]a stop and spoken to us very kindly and inquired after Too's health in an affectionate manner, and

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wished us good success and every blessing. How he came to know us, I cannot tell, and I mention it, as rather remarkable, as he is supposed to be hostile to our society. I am going tomorrow DV with Tetteree to see the Rev<sup>d</sup> W.T. Stevens one of the minor Cannons [sic] of Rochester Cathedral. Mr White will accompany us. I hope the Lord will bless our interview with him and open a way for us to lay the cause of the Heathen before him, May the Lord incline him to join heartily in this blessed work. We hope to hear that Mrs Bickersteth is restored to health. We all present our love to Mr Pratt & family Mr & Mrs Bickersteth Mr<sup>f</sup> & Mrs Cooper & to all our dear friends—

Dear Sir ever faithfully yours J<sup>no</sup> Butler