

Res. John Butler to Secretary
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With very great ^{pleasure}, I announce
to you that poor Tooi 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. Mr 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 Shurups
as the place of our embarkation, as the ship will be
taking in water, Coarcts, Ballast, &c, all the way thither
and ^{he} cannot be answerable for the safety of our things
while the ship is in such 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 one, the cartage &c to the
waterside, I apprehend would make it near 3^l.
I went to Rochester yesterday to the Custom House
to obtain leave to put our things on board

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 the Baring without interruption, They have promised
 to send an Officer to see them on board the Boat and
 to free us from any further investigation, Thus I believe
 every preparatory step has been taken that can be,
 We pray the Lord to order all things concerning our
 embarkations, 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 expensiture since Mr Bickesteth left us —

Butcher Bills	2-11-3
Butter	1-2-0
Rent	1-2-0
Doctor	1-19-6
Beer	1-2-7
washing	19-11
sundries Mr. Allen	1-17-4
Mr. Butcher	0-2-0
sundries Mr. & Mrs. B.	
for House	3-1-6
	<u>14-4-11</u>

I have only 70 on hand —
 We shall have our Rent to
 pay at the end of the week
 2-2-0-8 for the servant,
 the Boat to sweep, 2nd share,

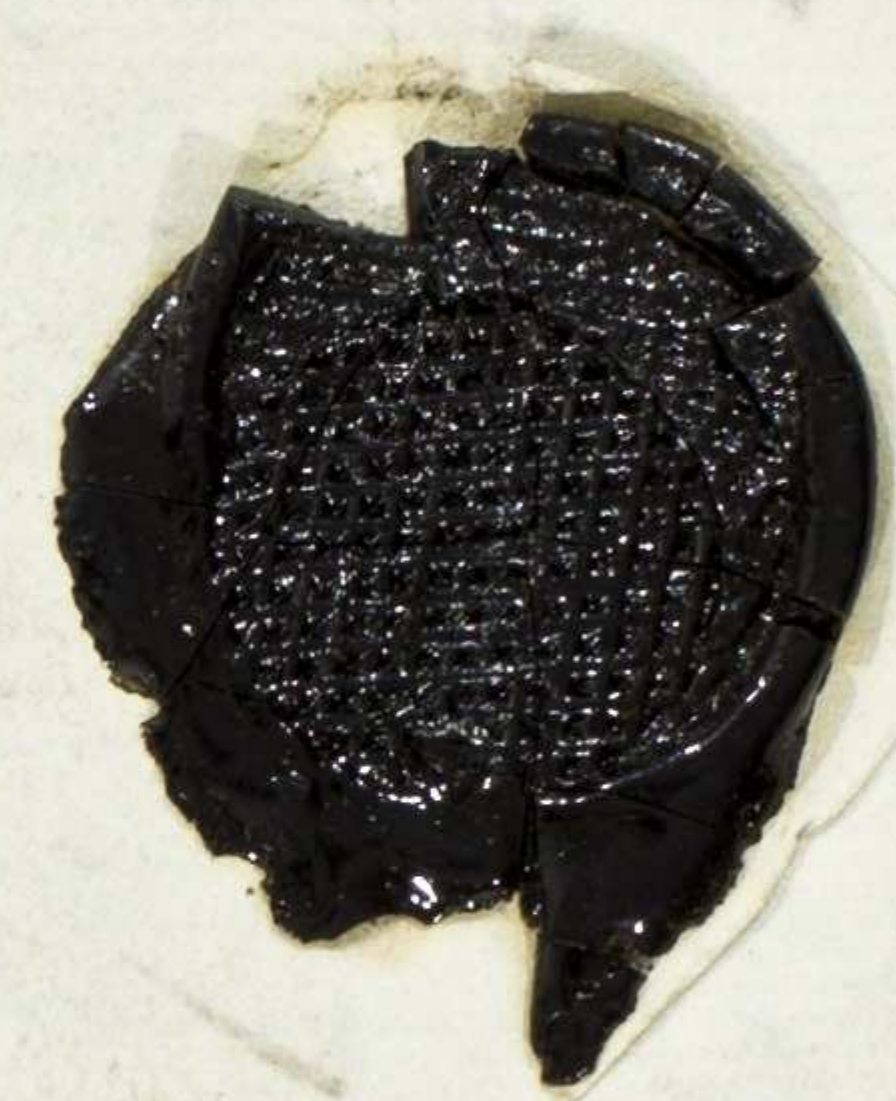
and other things for the House, 5 pounds you
 promised to replace the Dollars taken out when
 I came to London, Dr Sir, I only name these
 things, to give you an idea of our wants,
 our expenses are great, but our family is large.

I now proceed to give you an account of other things since
 Mr B. left us. Lettere was sent for by Admiral Gore
 on Saturday evening, He was honored with the Admirals
 and much gratified at his house
 carriage to ride in. On Monday Lettere myself Mr. Hall
 Mr. Shump & Samuel went in company with Mr. M.

Even in the Cannon ^{part} ~~part~~
the Kings Dockyard. Tettere was introduced to Sir Robt
Barlow's family, the Commissioners 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, Tettere was surpris'd beyond measure
to see a Machine raise 2 large pieces of Timber
and then set off with ~~them~~ without any visible
propelling force, he exclaimed Deare me, New Zealand
men no believe, but I believe because my own eye
see. At 1 O'clk, Amiral Sir John Gore sent his Barge
from his ship lying 3 miles down the River, to invite
us to come and see her, she is named the Bulwar ^{nee,}
the finest 74 Gun ship in his Majesty's Navy, we
had twelve men to row us down and another to steer,
cushion seats, Cloak, &c, on our arrival we were
saluted by ^{four} 6 Guns 24 pounders, the Captain, Col Long
and other Officers, with several Ladies, received
~~and the rest of our party~~
Tettere, very kindly, we taken some refreshment on
board, and were shewn all the wonders of this beautiful
ship - Tettere 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 Siffy, 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 ~~now~~ at present. As Tettere and myself were
going along in Rochester yesterday to the Custom
House, we met Archdeacon Law, who made

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a hope and spoken to us very kindly and inquired
after Toombs health in an affectionate manner, and
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 D.V. with the letter to see

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the Rev^d M. J. Stevens one of the minor canons
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 Mr Buckenstall is restored to health
We all present our love to Mr Pratt & family Mr & Mrs
Buckenstall Mr & Mrs Cooper & to all our dear friends —
Yours ever faithfully yours Jos^{ph} Butler